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#### TODAY'S NEWS

#### Hague warns CBI of euro danger

William Hague yesterday warned business leaders that a European single currency could be like "a burning building with no exits". In contrast, Gordon Brown urged the country to get ready now for single currency membership, before making a referendum decision after the

There could not have been a bigger contrast between the Government and Opposition on display at the CBI national conference in Birmingham, with Mr Brown and Mr Hague presenting two sides of the political coin - for and against the euro. The Chancellor said: "The euro will radically transform the whole single market. So from now my message is: let's get down together to the serious business of preparation."

He said the preparations that were needed were too important to be left to dogma or internal party politics, and too important to be left aside for years of more indecision and drift. But while the tenor of the Government line was constructive, Mr Hague, who received a warm welcome from the conference, could hardly have been more hostile - drawing together every possible argument for euro-resistance.

In one passage of five paragraphs the Tory leader offered 10 or so reasons for caution, saying: "We cannot ignore the fundamental differences in the structure of the British economy compared to other European economies. It is a fact that we do a much higher proportion of our trade with non-EU countries."

Mr Hague warned of wage cuts, tax hikes, and the creation of vicious unemployment blackspots, bigger booms and deeper recessions. And unlike the Exchange Rate Mechanism, he said, a single currency was for all time. "British business," Mr Hague warned the CBL could find itself trapped in a burning building with no exits." Reports, pages 8 and 22.

#### Castration drugs plan

The Prison Service is looking at ways to treat sex offenders with drugs to curb their libido. The so-called chemical castration would be used for rapists and paedophiles alongside psychological programmes for rehabilitation. But some experts doubt whether the treatment would work because sexual offences are complex, often resulting from family problems, aggression, and a desire to humiliate rather than simply the sex drive. Page 4

#### **New Stonehenge found**

The largest prehistoric building ever found anywhere in the world has been discovered at a sacred Stone Age site in South West England. Archaeological tests carried out by English Heritage scientists show that the 5,000year-old structure - almost certainly a huge temple was at least six times the size of Stonehenge and four times the size of any of the other known timber temples built in England during the Neolithic era. The building - the remains of which lie underground in a field at Stanton Drew, seven miles south of Bristol, was completely unknown until scientists started surveying the area a few weeks ago. Page 7

#### Deadlock on Iraq

Saddam Hussein and the UN were still locked on collision course last night as a top Iraqi envoy arrived at UN headquarters in New York on what seemed a fruitless mission to plead Baghdad's cause. The Iraqi leader failed yesterday to act on earlier threats to shoot down U2 spy planes flying over Iraq, but there was no sign of a climbdown over the core of the dispute - granting access to American members of UN weapons inspection teams. Page 5



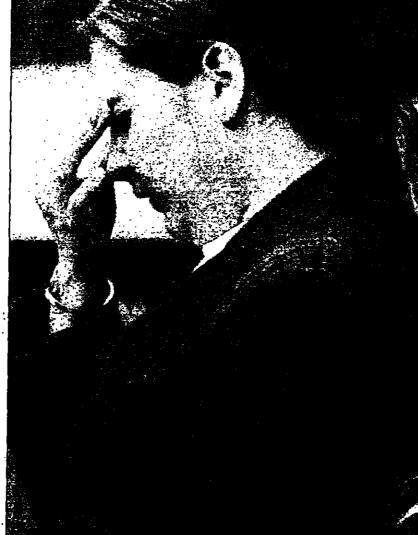
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## Out! Woodward is free after courtroom thriller













Emotional ordeal: Louise Woodward in court at various stages of her trial in Massachusetts

Judge Hiller Zobel could have thrown out the murder verdict against Louise Woodward and sent her home. He didn't, but he did the next best thing by reducing her sentence to manslaughter and in effect freeing her. Our correspondent followed another twist in the Boston nanny

In the astounding final act of an American courtroom thriller, Louise Woodward, the British teenager, was allowed to go free last night after her sentence of second degree murder was reduced to involuntary manslaughter.

Judge Hiller Zobel ruled last night that Woodward should serve 279 days in prison - precisely the time she had already spent in custody. However, she will have to remain in Massachusetts, with her passport confiscated, pending an appeal by the prosecution which could take weeks.

Judge Zobel issued his decision to reduce sentence in a dense, but often intensely personal, 16-page order that was to have been published first on the Internet, but which, because of a power-supply problem in the Boston area, was instead disseminated by such old-fashioned technologies as photocopiers and fax

Copies of the text were being sold on the street outside the courthouse by officials for \$8 each.

Ms Woodward learned of the judge's ruling from a television in her prison cell. "After intensive, cool, calm reflection, I am morally certain that allowing this defendant on this evidence to remain convicted of second-degree murder would be a miscarriage of justice," the judge concluded.

It means that the 19-year-old from Elton, Cheshire, who came to America last year to work as an au pair in her gap year between school and university, no longer faces the mandatory sentence passed on her by Judge Zobel on 31 October - life imprisonment with possibility of parole only after 15 years.

A factor that could have worked against the defence was the decision that it made with Ms Woodward, just before the end of the trial, to deny the jury the chance to consider a manslaughter sentence as an option. It was a huge "all-or-nothing" gambit, that the defence thought at the time would force the jury to acquit. It backfired spectacularly.

There was little outward delight from

#### BY DAVID **USBORNE**

the defence camp last night, however. Most importantly, there was nothing in the judge's order to offer absolution to Ms Woodward. Instead, he worked from an assumption of responsibility on Ms Woodward's part for the collapse into a coma of a casino". baby Matthew Eappen on 4 February and Matthew's death five days later in a Boston bospital.

But, in reasoning that the murder two verdict was too harsh, Judge Zobel depicts a defendant too young and too upset to fully understand her actions and their potentially fatal consequences.

"I believe that the circumstances in which the Defendant acted were characterised by confusion, inexperience, frustration, immaturity and some anger, but not malice (in the legal sense) supporting a conviction for second degree murder".

The judge added that it was a "sad scenario" that should be "most fairly characterised as manslaughter, not mandatorylife-sentence murder. I view the evidence as disclosing confusion, fright, and bad judgement, rather than rage or malice". he wrote.

Although Judge Zobei agreed that the murder two verdict was disproportionate, he rejected two parallel motions filed by the defence. One asked for an instant acquittal of Ms Woodward on the grounds of insufficient prosecution evidence and the other demanded a retrial.

Each possible justification for a re-trial ranging from adverse pre-trial publicity that may have biased the jury, to the belated discovery of important photographs of Matthew's damaged skull - was ruled as irrelevant by the judge.

Siding with the defence, however, Judge Zobel did not penalise Ms Woodward for her "all or nothing" gamble at the

"Should the Defendant now be permitted to second-guess herself and her lawyers? If one regards the trial of a criminal case as a high-stakes game of chance where losers must accept their losses, the answer is, Certainly Not.", he wrote, but added: "A court, none the less, is not

Ms Woodward was immediately reunited with her parents in a side room of the court awaiting her release.

It was not clear how long she will have to stay in America awaiting the appeal which the prosecution has only 30 days to

Ms Woodward's supporters in the Rigger pub in Elton, cheered and shouted with delight as they watched the television. Some waved large banners with the mes-

sage: "Thank you Judge Zobel" and some cried and waved yellow ribbons. The long battle, page 3

### Labour pays back Formula One owner's donation

The Labour Party was forced by the parliamentary guardian of standards to hand back a donation of more than £5,000 received from Formula One's Bernie Ecclestone. Colin Brown, **Chief Political** Correspondent, says the row over the Government's U-turn on tobacco advertising

In an embarrassing climbdown, the Labour Party announced last night that it was returning the donation on the advice of Sir Patrick Neill, the new chairman of the Committee on Standards in Pub-

is damaging Tony Blair.

Mr Ecclestone, president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, met Tony Blair with Max Mosley, who heads the sport's governing body, before the Government decided to exclude Formula One racing from the ban on tobacco advertising.

A party source last night confirmed that Mr Ecclestone had made one donation of more than £5,000 to party Sawyer] and I am extremely funds before the general elec- pleased with the speed with tion. The party refused to say how much, and the refusal it and to announce that fact." parked more speculation at Westminster that it could amount to a six figure-sum.

The source said Sir Patrick told the party that criticism of the donation would be "wrong and unfair. However, he believes that in order to avoid even the appearance of of made undisclosed sums to the any influence, on balance, we should return the donation and avert any further donation".

The party's rules on disclosure require it to name £5,000. Mr Ecclestone's name party or government.

would have appeared in the accounts next year if it had not been returned. Mr Blair took the decision to call in Sir Patrick last week. As the controversy mounted over the Government U-turn, and the financial links between the party and both Mr Ecclestone and Mr Mosley, Mr Blair asked Tom Sawyer, the party's general secretary, to inform Sir Patrick about any donations to

the party. Sir Patrick, who officially took over yesterday from Lord Nolan in the anti-sleaze role, left the party with no option but to return the money. But the Tories were scenting more blood on the tracks, and were determined to follow-up the disclosures.

Sir Patrick said last night that he was "delighted" by the party's action, but it will increase the calls for total reform of party funding, possibly leading to state funding.

"I make no criticism of the party for originally receiving a donation from Mr Ecclestone, but in the light of the changed circumstances I stressed the importance of those in public life being judged not only by the reali-

ty but also by the appearance. "I submitted my advice to the general secretary [Mr which he has moved to accept

Blair had called on Sir Patrick to carry out an inquiry into party funding before the row crupted. The party insisted that Mr Mosley was in a different category, as a longstanding party supporter who One Thousand Club, for which minimum donations are £1,000.

Last night Mr Ecclestone said he had made a donation to the Labour Party, but nevthose who donate more than er sought any favours from the

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## **COLUMN ONE**

## Book prizes prove they have the popular touch

Another day, another shortlist. There are around 300 book prizes in the UK and Ireland, so it is a rare dawn that does not tell us a little about the nation's reading habits - or at least about the preferences of publishers. authors and book prize judges.

Yesterday was the turn of the £23,000 Whithread Prize. It always enjoys cocking a snook at older brother Booker. So, authors surprisingly left off the Booker shortlist - Ian McEwan and John Banville - found their way on to the Whitbread list.

Melvin Burgess's novel Junk, about drug addiction in Bristol, was shortlisted for the children's book category, guaranteeing the necessary controversy upon which book prize publicity depends. (And in case that doesn't work, the judges have come up with an all-male shortlist in the best novel category, taking on literary correctness and giving producers of late night television arts programmes an easy debating point.

Best novel? Best children's book? This is an all-embracing prize isn't it? The answer is yes. The judges must weigh up not only best novel and best kids' book, but also best biography and best collection of poems, and decide an overall winner.

Is this intellectually feasible? Can Wordsworth be compared and contrasted with Dickens? Can this year's judges really decide between Ted Hughes and McEwan, who appear in the novel and poetry categories? Book prizes may have to be different from each other. But this is taking difference to a perplexing extreme. The comparison of unlike with unlike is worrying. But the other accusation always aimed at book prizes - that they bear little relation to what "real people" actually read

- may not hold water. Yesterday also saw the publication of an international survey of 5,000 people in 191 countries by The Good Book Guide. Most popular novel turned out to be The Name Of The Rose by Umberto Eco. Kazuo Ishiguro's The Remains Of The Day was second, and Michael Ondaatje's The English Patient third - all books that have been made into films, which is probably not insignificant. Fourth was Gabriel Garcia Marquez with Love In The Tunc Of Cholera and fifth Vikram Seth's A Suitable Boy.

Jung Chang and Nelson Mandela were one and two in the biography section. Only in children's books (Roald Dahl) and science (Stephen Hawking) did home grown authors top the charts.

The world's readers of English language books are not, it seems, choosing English authors in the main. But they are choosing books that have either won or been shortlisted for literary prizes. For all the knocking of these largely artificial events, they turn out to have more of an influence on public taste than is usually reckoned.

- David Lister

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#### PEOPLE



#### Second policewoman wins case against force

Dee Mazurkiewicz yesterday became the second policewoman in two months to win a sexual harassment case against Thames Valley Police.

The 41-year-old detective constable (above) had claimed that sexual innuendo and crass jokes wrecked her career with the force and that she was victimised when she tried to complain.

She also said that male officers, who gave her the nickname "Massive Cleavage", had accused her of offering sexual favours and "getting her boobs out" to make suspects confess.

Her complaints were unanimously upheld by a tribunal in Reading yesterday which ruled that she had been the subject of both harassment and

Her victory comes just weeks after a colleague, Kay Kellaway, won her case of sexual discrimination against the force after being told by a senior officer that women did not belong in the police and she was "taking jobs from his boys".

Miss Mazurkiewicz joined Thames Valley Police work and to decide any compensation. in 1984 and became a detective at Aylesbury,

Buckinghamshire, nine years later. But, in March 1995, she took sick leave "because of the stress of

Speaking after the hearing, she said: "I am very pleased with the outcome. It has taken three years of my life to get this opportunity for the truth to come out. I am grateful to the tribunal and all those who have supported me in bringing my case. I am very sad I had to bring this case at all."

Ian Blair, Assistant Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, was present at the hearing. He said the force would look closely at the judgement and may take further action against the officers criticised in the decision.

"We feel sorry that Miss Mazurkiewicz has felt distress at this case," he said. "We will learn from it. She is welcome back and the decision as to whether

she would like this is up to her." The tribunal will meet again in February to decide whether Miss Mazurkiewicz is fit to go back to

— Amanda Kelly

#### Hague earns black mark in bid for cool

William Hague was damned as "sad" last night for attending the Music of Black Origin Awards in London by a black journalist who claimed the Tory leader would not know his Coolio from his Mark William Hague at the

Tony Sewell, of the black newspaper The Voice, said he was not opposed to the presence of Mr Hague on party political grounds, but because he was a politician. "I think it's very strange that he has decided to come in on this band-



Notting Hill carnival

wagon of being cool, said Mr straight and I don't want politicians coming up and messing it up. "If William Hague decided to

put up some black politicians in safe Tory seats people would take that more seriously."

Mr Hague, who was criticised for trying to secure street credibility by visiting the Notting Carnival in August, was defended by Boris Johnson, the Daily Telegraph columnist: "In due course. William Hague, by the iron law of radical chic, will appear cool."

Jazz, hip hop, R&B, dance, reggae, jungle and gospel music were recognised in the ceremony which will be broadcast, complete with William Hague, on ITV on Thursday. Bands such as Eternal, Gala, The Prodigy and the Mercury Sewell. "I like my pop music Music Prize winner Roni Size were expected to pick up awards in the 17 categories.

- Paul McCann

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### Childcare policy costs firms

Only one in 10 workplaces provides practical help with childcare – despite evidence from the Daycare Trust yesterday that replacing an employee who does not return to work after maternity leave can cost £10,000. This includes recruitment costs, staff retention rate and investment in training. Other benefits for employers include higher morale, lower absenteeism

British parents currently pay the highest childcare bills in Europe. A family with two children - one pre-school and one at school needing after school and holiday care - typically faces childcare bills of around £6,000 per annum. More than a third of women who did not return to work after their baby's birth said it was because they could not afford childcare.

Collette Kelleher, director of the Daycare Trust, said: "There is a strong business case for investing in childcare ... Employers have an important role to play and significant benefits to gain by developing childcare."

#### CONSUMERISM

#### Cynical ads aid childhood vices

Half-hearted enforcement and "cynical" advertising are hindering efforts to keep drink, tobacco and solvents out of children's hands, trading standards officials warned yesterday.

The Institute of Trading Standards Administration said the enforcement system sales of some products were regulated primarily by trading standards, such as fireworks and tobacco, some by police such as alcopops, and some by no specific body including lottery

tickets, glue, crossbows and knives. Paul Galland, chairman of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, said the situa-

tion was made worse by "a cynical misuse of marketing and advertising power" by some industries.



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#### Elderly in 'downward spiral'

Action is needed to stop elderly people becoming trapped in a "downward spiral of dependency", a leading charity said yesterday. Help the Aged said older people were becoming increasingly dependent on expensive emergency services because of cuts in home care, nursing and adult education.

Tessa Harding, the charity's head of planning and development, said: "The less we spend on supporting independence, the more we are forced to spend on meeting the needs of the most dependent.

Its report said home care services for older people were cut by 4 per cent last year and 5 per cent the year before. Older people were leaving hospital without adequate support, quickly becoming ill again. Cuts in adult education had made it difficult for retired people to pursue individual in-

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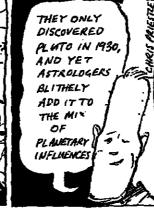


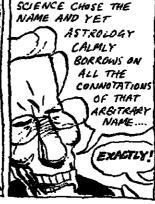




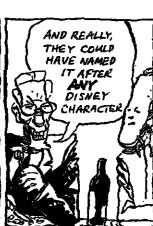








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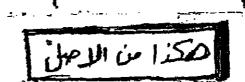
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## Judge sees confusion and fright, rather than malice

It begins with a quotation from John Adams and reminds readers that the author can relate to the tragedy of the case because he is a grandfather. But, says David Usbome, the memorandum released by Judge Hiller Zobel is ultimately a serious, tightlywritten argument for leniency for a victim of a 'miscarriage of

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The 16-page order and memorandum is far from the letter of exoneration that Louise Woodward and her army of friends may crying child, she was 'a little rough with him' have been anticipating. It reduces her sen-

Briton. In announcing his intention to reduce the verdict from murder two to manslaughter, "in accordance with my discretion and my duty", Judge Zobel, offers this scenario for what he believes may have happened on the afternoon of 4 February. It is a far cry from declaring Ms Woodward innocent.

"Viewing the evidence broadly, as I am permitted to do, I believe that the circumstances in which the Defendant acted were characterised by confusion, inexperience, frustration, immaturity, and some anger, but not malice (in the legal sense) supporting a conviction of second degree

"Frustrated by her inability to quiet the under circumstances where another, perbleeding that escalated fatally."

Judge Zobel went on: "The sad scenario is, in my judgement after having heard all the evidence and considered the interests of justice, most fairly characterised as manslaughter, not mandatory-life-sentence murder. I view the evidence as disclosing confusion, fright, and bad judgement, rather than rage or malice."

Of the extraordinary campaign to have Ms Woodward released, Judge Zobel makes a clear statement at the very start of the document. He was in no manner swayed by it. And to make his point, he offers words of John Adams that are apt indeed.

The order begins thus: "The law, John Adams told a Massachusetts jury while defending British citizens on trial for murder, tence, that's true. But beyond that, there haps wiser, person would have sought to is inflexible, inexorable, and deaf inexorable is no additional comfort for the young restrain the physical impulse. The roughto to the cries of the defendant; 'deaf as an

ness was sufficient to start (or re-start) a adder to the clamours of the populace'. His words ring true, 227 years later."

The populace in this case - the Woodward supporters in Elton especially could take only disappointment from the first pages of the order. These explain why Judge Zobel saw no merit in either of the two most radical post-verdict motions for the defence: that Ms Woodward be acquitted and the verdict simply thrown out, or that a new trial be called.

Nor, Judge Zobel says, could he allow himself to be affected by the pain of the Eappens. Noting that he is both a grandfather and father, the judge wrote: "I particularly recognise and acknowledge the the indescribable pain Matthew Eappen's death has caused his parents and grandparents." He went on: "As a judge I am duty bound to ignore it.

While the chances of an instant acquittal

were always remote in the extreme, in its motions, the defence made a poweful play for a retrial, citing numerous incidents as cause for such action. One by one, however, Zobel dispenses with these.

He does not accept, for instance, the defence claim that it was unfairly disadvantaged at trial by the late disclosure by the state of potentially critical photographs of Matthew Eappen's brain. Addressing the fact that some defence testimony had not been transcribed and was not available for the jury when it asked for it, Judge Zobel said it was "un-

fortunate" but not grounds for a re-trial. Nor did the he accept that the jury had been unreasonably affected by pre-trial publicity of the case. "All the jurors scated satisfied the Court and counsel that neither the publicity nor any other cause had affected their individual ability to decide the case entirely on the evidence."

In reducing the sentence, Judge Zobel does not give an opinion on the defence's contention that the cause of death was a re-bleed of an old head injury. Indeed, he insists, that had the jury had manslaughter as an option on its verdict slip, it could have chosen it because the evidence could have been consistent with Woodward inflicting "roughness" sufficient to trigger such a re-bleed.

He wrote: "If the jury determines that those were the facts the combination would amount to an unjustified, intentional, uncontested-to touching (i.e. a batter) which resulted in death. Manslaughter is simply a fatal battery."

Zobei concludes thus: "After intensive, cool, caim reflection, I am morally certain that allowing this defendant on this evidence to remain convicted of second-degree murder would be a miscarriage of justice".

## Louise's sister is 'happy enough', but fight goes on

reduce Louise

Woodward's sentence was greeted with a palpable sense of relief on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday. Esther Leach in Elton and Kim Sengupta listened to the reaction.

They wanted her acquitted and on the next flight home. But the supporters of the Justice for to be ordered but to have a re-Louise Woodward Campaign welcomed the reduced charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Her sister Vicky, sitting at her boyfriend's house in Elton, Cheshere, was said to be "happy enough". The few villagers who managed to squeeze past the media into the Rigger pub, said they had not been expecting any other decision.

Jean Jones, a key camily, addressed the throng. "Naturally we would prefer to firmly believe Louise is innoknow that Louise is coming home. However, we take some comfort from Judge Hiller Zocharge. We firmly believed as we always have in Louise's total in-

Steven is the boyfriend of Vicky Woodward, said the campaign will not be over until Louise is exonerated. "The campaign has not yet taken its toll on us. We tions about the whole issue of have had to remain strong for justice in the USA."

Judge Zobel's decision to Vicky's sake and also for Sue and Gary, her parents, who depend on us to take care of

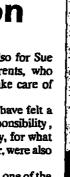
> Those who may have felt a certain sense of responsibility, directly or indirectly, for what had happened to her, were also

Stephen Colwell, one of the jurors at the Massachussets court which had convicted her said: "I am greatly relieved at this decision. I was distraught afterwards and wondered perhaps whether a new trial would have duction is a great relief to me personally and to other jurors. We were boxed into a corner with three lousy choices."

Philip Johnson, the president of the EF Au Pair Agency which had taken Louise to Boston, said: "We see Judge Zobel's decision to reduce the charge against Louise to involuntary manslaughter as the first step in the process leading to

support and confidence The weakness of using the throughout any further legal proceedings," he said.

Bradley Clarkson, an American writer on the law, admitted: "There is a sense of relief Steve Collins, whose son that Judge Zobel has taken this course. For the time being it can be seen as a form of damage limitation. However, this case has raised important ques-





Louise Woodward's defense attorney Barry Scheck, right, speaks after Judge Zobel's decision, watched by Andrew Good, left, and Harvey Silvergate Photograph: Steven Senne/AP

## The being cleared. "As we have said before, we Internet fails to deliver as the decision is lost in Cyberspace

Internet as a communications tool was revealed to a worldwide audience yesterday when British and American television screens were given page that failed to come up with the judge's decision hours after it was first

The Web site where the

announced, the Lawyer's Weekly Home Page, could not handle the demand from around the world, and its Internet service provider suffered a power failure just as Judge Hiller Zobel's ruling was due to go live. So many people wanted to see the news immediately that access to the pages slowed to a

snail's pace. Sky News in Britain had

logged onto the Lawyer's Weekly site days before the judgement was due to make sure it would not be stuck in a oveve. It diligently filled its screen with an image of the page, and waited for the result to come in at 3pm. It waited. And waited.

Eventually, at 3.08pm. CNN had an unconfirmed report from "court sources" that Woodward had had ber

manslaughter. Within seconds, that report was picked up by news organisations around the world and they cut from the Web site to reporters on the ground.

Within ten minutes of the unconfirmed reports emerging, reporters were on screen reading from paper copies of Judge Zobel's 16-

page judgement. "We had taken steps to have other sources in place in case the electronic stuff didn't work," said a spokesman for CNN. "We're very glad we did."

And the Internet? At 5pm a message box continued to appear on computer screens around the world - for those still interested - saying: "The attempt to load http://www.lweekly.com/

failed". Those already connected reported that nothing had appeared and it could be hours before the judgement was available online. Despite setting up socalled mirror sites to carry the judgement on different computers in America and Europe, the Internet proved it was not up to the task.

 Paul McCann, Media Correspondent

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## Chemical castration option 'explored'

Convicted sex offenders could soon be chemically castrated, according to the Prison Service. Michael Streeter, Legai Affairs Correspondent, hears some experts say the treatment is of limited value.

The Prison Service said yesterday that it was "exploring" how to treat sex offenders with anti-libidinal drugs. So-callted "chemical castration" would be part of the already established Sex Offenders Treatment Programme for rapists and paedophiles, and would run alongside psychological pro-

It would be the first time that the Prison Service, whose startement was a response to a Weirld in Action television documen- an attack," he said. tary last night, formally adopted such a drastic programme. the drugs, which can be given although individual prison dec- as tablets twice a day or injectors do use the drug treatme int.

doubted whether the use of gression by making them frussuch drugs - which can be given only with the consent of patients - would have more than "very limited" effect in treating the 4,270 convicted sex offenders currently in British

One experienced psychiatrist, who has prescribed the drugs to sex offenders, praised the Home Office for their initiative but warned against expecting too much.

to be named, said the reasons why people committed sexual offences were complex and included personal or family problems, aggression and a desire to humiliate or dominate victims. "It is not just about their sex drive. The drugs may reduce the sex drive and in some cases affect their ability to carry out an attack, but may not stop someone's desire to carry out such

He added that, potentially, tions every three months, could However, experts vesterriay even increase someone's ag- no young boy will be safe.

trated at being unable to gain an erection.

In a statement to the programme makers, the Prison Service said it had "identified a proportion of sex offenders for whom this psychological treatment could usefully supplemented by treatment with anti-libidinal drugs". Yesterday, the Service said it had no date for when the treatment could be adopted. The doctor, who asked not

Last night's broadcast reported that the leader of a violent paedophile gang has told a fellow prisoner that he will kill again after he is released early next year.

Sidney Cooke, who has changed his name to Lomas in an attempt to escape the paedophile register, was jailed in 1989 after running the gang which raped and strangled Jason Swift, a 14-year-old

Cooke's former cellmate, known only as Leslie, said: "He thinks of kids as meat ... the minute he walks out of the gate,



Eleven-year-old Mischa Barton is the with her mother while it is screened, then not something I would take her little youngest star at this year's London Film returning at the end for the applause. Festival, but the British child actress has been deemed too young to see the film première tonight. The film's producer Duncan Kenworthy, who also produced Four Weddings And A Funeral, has pleaded unsuccessfully for an exception to be made in Mischa's case. But he has been told there can be no exceptions as the film. Lawn Dogs, has a 15 certificate.

Mischa will go through the bizarre process of introducing the film at a West End cinema, hanging around outside

Her mother, Nuala Barton, said yesterday: "She can understand the certification. The subject matter is very deep. Somebody is shot and there is a little bit of sexuality in the beginning, though not to do with the child."

She said that she had no qualms about Mischa's participation. "I chose the film because I thought it was a very good showpiece for her. It was well written and has acting course three years ago. been made very sensitively. At the same time it is not a movie for children. It is

The film tells of an innocent but misconstrued relationship between an imaginative girl and the man who mows

Mischa has already done modelling work for Calvin Klein in New York. where she lives with her parents who emigrated there in 1990. She was spotted by a talent agent after taking a summer camp

— David Lister Arts News Editor



Reservoir puppy: Mischa Barton, in a scene from Lawn Dogs. Despite starring in the movie, she has been refused permission to attend the London première because she is too young

## Riddle of man's sliced penis

A man who had part of his penis sliced off, but was refusing amazingly was still conscious to reveal how it happened, was and able to walk around. The last night recovering in hosspi- man had arrived at [the house] tal as detectives waited to ques- after the injuries had occurred

The 31-year-old man was de- trace of the genitals." scribed as being in a "stable" condition in Manchester Roy- man had gone to the home of al Infirmary vesterday after un- a former girlfriend after the indergoing emergency surgery.

called to a house in the Moss but was thought to have noth-Side area of the city at 11.45 (on Sunday morning, where they found the man bleeding lout conscious. A spokesman for Greater Manchester Ambulance Service said the man was anything. We've not found a in a "distressed" state as "his penis end." genitals had been sliced".

"He was bleeding heavily but ... Paramedics failed to find any

It is understood that the jury occurred. A woman was in-Emergency services were terviewed by police yesterday

> ing to do with the incident. A Greater Manchester police spokeswoman said their inquiries were continuing, "He's very reluctant to tell anybody

Nicholas Parkhouse, a con-

sultant plastic surgeon at The Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead, Sussex, said many factors dictated how possible it was to operate successfully. "The principles of the surgery of repairing apply to the penis as they do to the hand or face."

If the severed penis part was not found, emergency plastic surgery could tidy the wound. After it had healed, which might take around 12 months, reconstructive surgery could then be carried out to build up part of the missing length.

But Mr Parkhouse said: " ...

it is unlikely the functioning and appearance will ever be entirely normal."

#### Headmaster's killer loses appeal against conviction

The teenage killer of beadmaster Philip Lawrence yesterday lost his appeal against his murder conviction.

Learco Chindamo, 17, who stabbed Mr Lawrence to death outside his school as he defended a pupil, showed no emotion as the Court of Appeal dismissed his bid for freedom watched by Mr Lawrence's

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham, sitting with Mr Justice Douglas Brown and Mr Justice Kay, rejected criticisms of the summing-up of Judge Neil Denison, at the Old Bailey, in October 1996.

"We have to say that in the light of all the arguments advanced we are in no doubt that this conviction is safe." Mr Lawrence was attacked gang - which aspired to be the crime.

George's school in Maida Vale. west London, when a gang of 12 youths led by Chindamo went

to attack a boy. He was punched and stabbed by Chindamo and died the same evening.

Chindamo, who was 15 at the time of the stabbing and was

in December 1995 outside St juvenile equivalent of the Triads - has always claimed that another youth was the killer. He claimed he was the vic-

tim of mistaken identity as the other youth was wearing his jacket, and that he was 30ft away from the murder scene.

Chindamo was ordered to be detained indefinitely after a a member of the Wo-Sing-Wo jury found him guilty of the

#### Damages for suicide widow

The widow of a man who hanged himself in police custody yesterday received around £9,000 damages from the Metropolitan Police after two Appeal Court judges ruled the force had been negligent. But the finding is to be challenged by the Metropolitan Police Commissioner in the House of Lords.

Martin Lynch, arrested after allegations of deception in March 1990, was able to hang himself from the spy-hole in his cell door because the flap had been left open.

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#### Mi6 man held

A former MI6 officer was remanded in custody yesterday accused of planning to publish a book about his time with the Secret Intelligence Service.

Richard Tomlinson, 34, will appear again at Bow Street magistrates' court in London on 17 November. It was alleged that he disclosed, in Sydney, Australia, information he acquired as a member of the SIS. He was charged under Section 1 of the Official Secrets Act 1989.

#### Fine for Ford

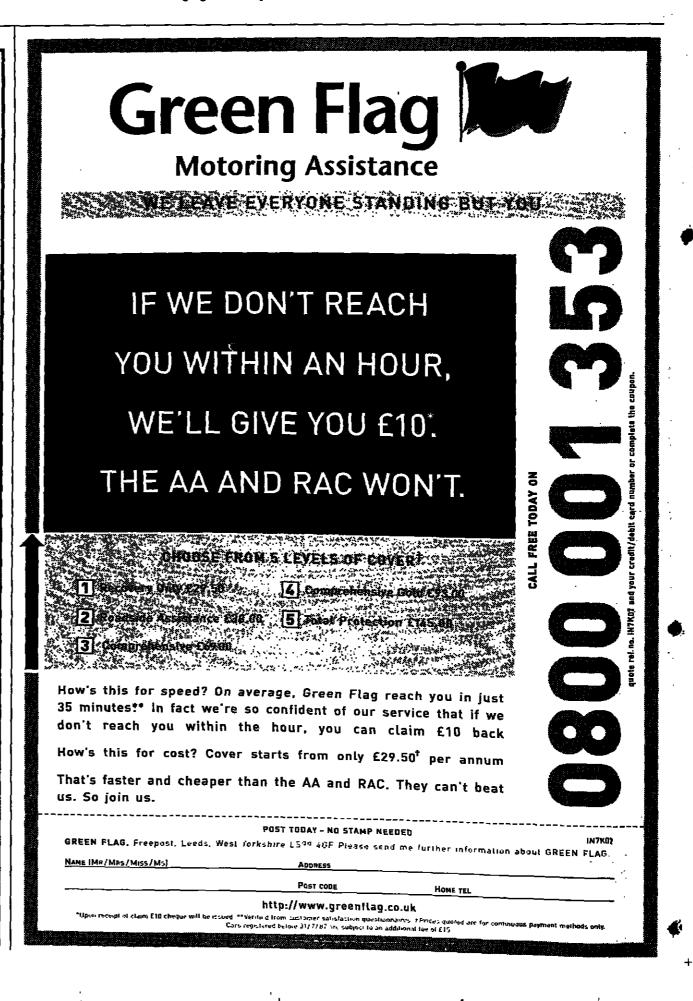
Ford was yesterday fined £10,000 by Cardiff Crown Court for polluting a wildlife site and killing more than a thousand salmon, trout and grayling.

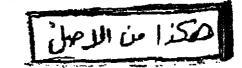
A toxic liquid seeped out of a broken underground pipe at the car manufacturer's engine plant in Bridgend, South Wales, and seeped into the River Ewenny. Ford was also ordered to pay £11,400 in costs for the prosecution by the Government's Environment Agency. The company said it had since spent £220,000 to prevent such an accident bappening again. - Nicholas Schoon

#### Ashby appeal

Eddie Ashby, friend and onetime business partner of Terry Venables, the former England soccer coach, yesterday lost his appeal against his four-mouth jail sentence for "blatant" breaches of bankruptcy rules.

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Biting off more than they can chew? Iraqis show their support for Saddam Hussein in Baghdad yesterday

#### **BLAIR'S WARNING** TO SADDAM

Tony Blair last night warned the Iraqi President, Saddam Hussein, not to repeat the "fatal miscalculation" he had made over the Gulf War.

The Prime Minister described Saddam as a "still dangerous dictator", and used his Mansion House speech to show the Government's determination to back the United States in standing firm against the threat of conflict.

"We want to see a diplomatic solution and will work with others to achieve this in the next few days, but Saddam should not take as a sign of weakness the international community's desire to find a peaceful way forward if possible.

"He has made this fatal miscalculation before. For his sake, I hope he will not make it again." Mr Blair

## Clinton talks tough as Saddam plays for time

A military showdown ter, and blamed America for the between the United States and Iraq appeared to be on hold yesterday, as the focus of action shifted to the diplomatic arena of the United Nations. Mary Dejevsky in Washington says there is still no sign that Iraq will back down over its missile," he said. refusal to co-operate with UN inspections.

Conflicting signals were coming from all sides except the Iraqis, as the United Nations Security Council prepared to consider the report of the three special envoys it had dispatched to Iraq last week.

Yesterday morning, the UN defied Iraqi threats and sent a mands, he said, were "legiti-U2 spy plane on a mission over mate". central Iraq. Routine weapons inspections on the ground, however, were suspended for the to change its mind and comply day even though the head of UNSCOM - the UN commission overseeing the inspections - had earlier said they would

proceed. The aircraft, whose progress was closely monitored by US warplanes from the no-fly zones over northern and southern comply with the UN resolulraq, completed its mission tions". He went on: "Of course, without incident. It was said by the Iraqis to be out of range of its anti-aircraft defences, but it [Hussein, the Iraqi President] provoked a hostile rhetorical response. Mohammad al-Sahaf. behaviour." the foreign minister, was quoted as saying that Iraq no longer

recognised U2 flights as part of the UN monitoring mecha-The minister said Iraq would its threat to expel American "act towards the planes and other American aircraft violating our skies in a manner that preserves Iraq's sovereignty and se-

Tarig Aziz, the Iraqi Prime Minister, subsequently told reporters at the UN that Iraq wanted the U2 missions scrapped. He was speaking after a meeting the UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, after of Iraqi families," the national arriving on a Concorde flight from Paris. Mr Aziz insisted that Iraq

had complied with UN resolu- defiance of any American tions and inspectors to the let- military aggression".

fact that it was still being accused of violations. Commenting on a report that an inspection team had since uncovered three missiles, he said they had not found engines for the missiles. "Every industrialist and every specialist knows that when you don't have engines and you don't have launchers, you don't have a

"Give us a chance," he pleaded, several times over. Rehearsing the message he said he wanted to convey to the UN Security Council later in the day, he said that Iraq wanted the inspection teams to be reconstituted to make them "genuinely international", a date for the ending of UN sanctions, and for guarantees that outsiders would "not intrude into the security of a member state". These de-

Kofi Annan had earlier said that there was still time for Iraq with UN inspection require-

The same note of patient firmness was struck by the US Vice-President, Al Gore, who took over the baton from President Bill Clinton for the day. Iraq, he said, "will have to we hope that discussions underway will result in Saddam deciding that he will change his

The US ambassador to the UN. Bill Richardson, stressed that the US still ruled out no option to make Iraq comply with UN weapons inspections and lift members of inspection teams He called for further sanctions "with teeth, with punitive measures" and called on Iraq to "stop playing games and start

behaving like a normal nation". In Iraq, meanwhile, the media indicated that the use of civilians as human shields would again be a tactic in the event of a new military strike. "Hundreds news agency said, "have expressed their readiness to stay in the ... presidential palaces in

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## Baghdad runs risk of drubbing by West

In political terms, Saddam Hussein may see his current clash with the UN as a 'winwin' confrontation. But by any military reckoning, as Rupert Comwell explains, he is bound to end up on the losing side if the United States and its ailies do use force.

Since its crushing defeat in the Gulf War, Iraq has rebuilt its shattered air defence system with some success, according to Western analysts. In the SA-2 and the more modern SA-6, it possesses surface-to-air missiles capable of downing the U-2 spy plane operating on behalf of the United Nations and which ventured into Iraqi airspace vesterday.

In practice, the ancient and lumbering U-2, with a top speed of just 420 knots. would be escorted by a large protective force of fighters, as well as aircraft carrying antiradiation missiles, electronic warfare equipment and airborne warnings systems. Allied offensive forces, overwhelmingly American, are the most modern in the skies.

The main thrust would presumably come from the Tomahawk cruise missiles which can be launched from

any one of seven US warships currently in the northern Gulf area, including the cruisers Port Royal and Lake Champlain and four destroyers.

It was Cruise missiles which were used in the last. attack by the US against Iraq in autumn 1996, in the shape of two separate strikes against military targets to punish Saddam for his incursions into the no-go areas in Kurdish northern Iraq, and in the strike in June 1993 in retaliation for an alleged Iraqi plot to assassinate former President George Bush during a visit to Kuwait. If the present confrontation does lead to air strikes, it would be the fourth such attack by the US-led coalition since the end of the Gulf War in March 1991.

But if US commanders decide to risk piloted combat planes, they also have a wide range of options. Leading the current US deployment is the 95,000-ton aircraft carrier Nimitz. carrying 75 war planes including 36 F-18 Hornet attack jets and 14 F-14 Tomcat fighters. In addition substantial US air power is based in Saudi Arabia.

The main supporting role in any strike would be played by Britain, which has 12 GR-1 Tornados in the region all equipped with laser guided bombs and air-to-air missiles. Britain also has two warships in the Gulf.

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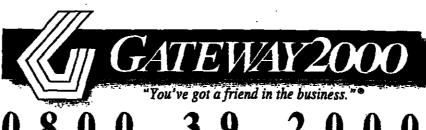
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the Scottish £1 note may soon be consigned to history. The Royal Bank of Scotland is asking customers what they think of Britain's only surviving pound note - and the suspicion is the bank would like to drop it.

Pound notes are expensive to produce and last on average only about nine months, ground up in pocket or purse with harder-wearing coins.

The Bank of England stopped issuing pound notes in 1984 and within five years the Bank of Scotland and the Clydesdale Bank had followed suit.

Scots were promiscuous in their use of currency before the issue of pound notes. Spanish doubloons, ducats, and the coins of Germany, Holland and

Madrid

The butt of English jokes and a England were all used in prefmuch-loved national symbol, erence to domestic coins of uncertain value.

Though the Act of Union of 1707 also brought currency union, national differences were still acknowledged. The first Scottish £1 note was issued by the Bank of Scotland in 1704. The Royal's first was introduced in 1727. A spokesman insisted yesterday that no decision had been taken. "We are doing some research to find out what the public think," he said.

Peter Stillwell, chief executive of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, said retailers would not regret the end of the note. "People like their Scottish notes, but unfortunately the £1 note gets so tatty and can be difficult to count and handle."



— Stephen Goodwin Cash crop: Shops will mind less than shoppers if the Royal Bank of Scotland drops the £1 note Photograph: Drew Farrell

## Nasal spray may help MS sufferers

A new therapy for multiple sclerosis that would be sniffed rather than swallowed has shown promising results in laboratory tests. Jeremy Laurance, Health Editor, assesses hopes for a treatment that could be as simple to use as an asthma inhaler.

Scientists believe they may have found a way of protecting the body's tissues from attack when the immune system turns on itself, causing the nerve-cell damage that results in multiple

The disease, which affects about 85,000 people in the UK. causes wasting of the muscles and progressive paralysis as the myelin sheath surrounding nerve cells is destroyed. The body's immune system perceives the myelin as foreign, for reasons that are not understood, and attacks it as it would attack an invading infection.

Research by Professor David Wraith of the department of pathology and microbiology at the University of Bristol, using blood taken from MS sufferers. has shown that the autoimmune response that causes the damage can be switched off.

"We have found we can take the T-cells that are part of the body's immune system and reeducate them so they stop mis-

behaving," Professor Wraith said. Potentially this is very inportant. Existing treatments are non-specific and tend to have side effects."

The research, to be presented at a symposium on "Regulating the Immune Response" at the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals in London tomorrow, is backed by the biotechnology company, Peptide Therapeutics, with funding from the Multiple Sclerosis Society, in a joint venture which guarantees the society a share of the royalties should the treatment prove effective. It is hoped that clinical trials will be-

gin in 18 months. Peter Cardy, chief executive of the MS society, said: "It is the first time we have entered into a collaboration of this kind, which has the potential to generate funds to be re-invested in supporting people with MS."

In multiple sclerosis, the Tcells in the immune system recognise specific regions of the protein sequence in the myelin against which they launch their attack. Professor Wraith and his team have shown that by challenging the T-cells with peptides that correspond to these regions the attack can be halted.

When given orally the results were disappointing, probably because the drug was broken down in the gut, but when administered as a nasal spray the suppression of immune response was highly promising.

## Sex offender given life for murder

A serial sex offender was jailed for life yesterday for strangling a schoolboy while under the supervision of a local council.

Steven Leisk, 34, will serve a minimum of 25 years in jail after the judge at the High Court in Aberdeen told him he represented a danger to the public.

abduction and murder last July of nine-year-old Scott Simpson, whose body was found four days later in the grounds of Aberdeen University. He had been strangled with a scarf.

Scott was playing football with friends in a park near his home in the city when he was approached by Leisk, who gave him a roll-up cigarette and a note that read: "Hi kid. If you want some of the latest megadrive games or any computer games, £5 each, follow me."

The boy showed the note to two girls and told them he would be back in 20 minutes, Colin Boyd QC, prosecuting, told the court. Scott's parents reported him missing that evening, and Grampian police

mounted a huge search. Mr Boyd said police failed to find Scott's body the following day despite searching the lane in which it was eventually found.

"Also of concern is the fact that the social work department who were supervising the accused's release on licence were Leisk pleaded guilty to the aware that the accused was residing directly opposite the place where Scott was last seen alive." Mr Boyd said. "They took no steps to convey that information to police."

Leisk, who led police to the lane after he was arrested, had four previous convictions for sex offences. He also admitted assaults on two 14-year-old boys earlier this year.

Leisk, who was abused as a child and was an army medical orderly in the Falklands, according to his defence counsel, was arrested after a relative telephoned police. He told detectives that he strangled Scott by mistake while trying to muffle his screams: "I just panicked. I told him to stop the noise."

#### DAILY POEM

#### The Man with the Wooden Leg

by Katherine Mansfield

There was a man lived quite near us: He had a wooden leg and a goldfinch in a green cage. His name was Farkey Anderson, And he'd been in a war to get his leg. We were very sad about him,

Because he had such a beautiful smile And was such a big man to live in a very small house. When he walked on the road his leg did not matter so much; But when he walked in his little house. It made an ugly noise.

Linle Brother said his goldfinch sang the loudest of all birds, So that he should not hear his poor leg And feel too sorry about it.

This poem comes from Kenneth Baker's Faber Book of War Poetry, which is now re-issued as a paperback (Faber &



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## Giant temple sheds new light on the Stone Age

The largest prehistoric building ever found anywhere in the world has been discovered at a sacred Stone Age site in South-west England. David Keys, Archaeology Correspondent, says the structure would have even dwarfed Stonehenge.

Archaeological tests carried out by English Heritage scientists have revealed that the 5.000-year-old structure - almost certainly a huge temple had a diameter of 95 metres, extraordinarily large and onethird that of the giant, Millennium Dome now under construction at Greenwich, in east London.

The Stone Age building was probably at least ten metres high, possibly with a thatched roof supported by more than 400 massive wooden columns, each around a metre in diameter. It was at least six times the size of Stonehenge and four times the size of any of the other known timber temples built in England during the Neolith-

The structure was surrounded by a huge 135-metre diameter, six-metre wide ditch with a large 40-metre wide entrance in the north-east.

The building, the remains of which - mainly massive column holes - lie underground in a field at Stanton Drew seven miles south of Bristol, was completely unknown until scientists started surveying the area a few weeks ago. Using the archaeological equivalent of an X-ray, a magnetometer, a scientific team from English Heritage pits which may have been for probed deep beneath the surface of the field without digging a single hole. The discovery is without doubt one of the most important archaeological finds made anywhere in the world this ly carried out in such temples.



building suggests that prehistoric south-west England was even more sophisticated than has been thought until now.

At the centre of the building. the scientists detected five large sacrificial offerings. Evidence from other similar but much smaller sites has in the past shown that human and animal sacrifices were almost certain-

In the 17th century, when Although there are no gold one of the stones at Stanton and no inscriptions, the sheer Drew fell over, human re- tal buildings and other structures versially the existence of small tance in prehistoric times be- stone circles and henge monu- being largely a mystery. As well scale of the newly discovered mains were apparently discov-

ered in the hole where the stone had been.

ingly emerging of the Neolithic age in the Wiltshire/Somerset area, is of a very complex hierarchical society in which massive power must have rested with either kings, paramount chieftains or priests.

The economy appears to have been based on cattle ranching - but huge amounts of manpower were diverted to the construction of vast monumen-

high conical "pyramid" of Sil- traordinary discovery will force there to this day. The circles, bury Hill, the vast 1,400-foot di-The picture that is increasameter standing-stone complex of Avebury and the early stages of Stonehenge itself.

> Archaeologists have always been impressed with stone cir- say the structure was "at least cles such as Stonehenge and Avebury - but this giant buildcolumns is likely to force a to- magnetometry survey. Dr Antal re-examination of the nature

Some archaeologists have including the huge 130-foot towns or even states. This ex- cause three stone circles survive ments, describing the discovery as having a probable sacrificial

academics to consider whether it is evidence of an embryonic civilisation which failed to survive in the long term.

English Heritage officials as old and of comparable significance too Stonehenge". The ing with its forest of massive key scientist involved in the drew David, described the disand scale of Neolithic Britain. covery as "amazing".

It was always known that the already suggested very contro- site was of religious impor-

which all together consist of around 60 standing stones, date from approximately 2700 BC. And it's likely that the giant wooden building dates from

> Perhaps around 3000 BC. The largest of the three stone circles was actually built on exactly the same site as the giant building and was probably its immediate successor.

Dr Aubrey Burl, one of Britain's leading experts on

other similarly massive buildings been associated with fertility could be discovered through new magnetometry surveys and air photography in the future.

Remains of a 5,000-year-old temple (artist's impressions of

it under construction and complete, above) were revealed

by X-ray beneath standing stones (left) - erected 300 years

later - at Stanton Drew, near Bristol Photograph: Jay Williams

The newly discovered giant several hundred years earlier. building at Stanton Drew, was probably used for sky worship of some sort. The main entrance faces towards the point on the horizon where the sun would have risen on midsummer's

> Precisely what went on at such sites remains for the time

as "magnificent", predicted that function, it could also have and water rituals. Ancient legends about the site link it with wedding rituals and the stones are described in myth as cele-

brants who dared to dance

through the night into Sunday - and were therefore turned to At some similar yet smaller sites large numbers of human iawhones have been found and such places may have been used as temples for communing

with the spirits or gods through

### Ulrika has it. William and Nicola do not. Welcome to Middle Youth



and two people are leaving the Cross night-club in north London. One is 35 and one is 33. They have been up all night dancing. After a few hours' sleep they go to a garden centre. The are living the life of the Middle Youth.

Middle Youth is the latest name tag coined by the people that brought us Yuppies and Sloane Rangers - the marketing men who are paid to spot demographic niches and exploit them.

For the Nineties they have identified a new kind of consumer, greying groovers who refuse to grow old gracefully: people from their late twenties to their early forties who cling to the trappings of youth. These are people with a concern about fashion, a wild social life and an up-to-date record collection but who are at the same time old enough to have a nice house, a garden, children and responsibilities.

They exist thanks to better careers for women, couples having children much later in life and the fact that "youth culture" and all its trappings is the dominant cultural form of the Nineties.

In this case Middle Youth is the target market of Red, a new magazine from the publishers Emap Elan which launches in January. It is aimed at women who have grown out of Marie Claire and Cosmopolitan but who feel too young, or too trendy, to



Ovestion of attitude: Ulrika Jonsson stand for Middle Youth, but William Hague and Nicola Horlick (above right) don't

buy their mothers' Good Housekeeping. "Only 10 years ago.

anyone who was reaching 40 was considered middle-aged," says Kath Brown, the 33-year old Australian editor of Red. We reject this - we don't have to get older any more. There is a whole new generation of women in their thirties who still have a very youthful attitude. But they still have very broad interests like gardening or food."

The apogee of the Middle Youth woman is the one

picking up her children from school with Radiohead hlaring from the car stereo.

But not anyone can have Middle Youth. It is more an attitude thing than an age thing. William Hague, 36, unmarried and childless is too old to be middle youth. However Jonathan Ross, also 36, despite being married with children is Middle Youth. Think about it, which one would look ridiculous in a velvet suit?

The concept of refusing to grow old is by no means new.



The upper limit of Middle Youth is defined by those who are Baby-Boomers. Baby-Boomers were born in the vears after the Second World War and were student radicals in the Sixties. They have been unwilling to give up their Levi's and their Rolling Stones and are a powerful economic and political force. They have their own saxophone-playing world leader in Bill Clinton and a booming market in low fat foods and plastic surgery to keep them looking young.

The difference is that a Dire Straits album lurks in the record collection of every Baby-Boomer, while every Middle Youth has the mellow "trip hop" of Portishead in their Ikea CD rack.

The problem for Red. is that refusing to grow up is much more a male trait than a female one. Men are the ones who swap their wife and children for a pair of leather trousers, a pony tail and a cocaine habit when they hit

Ulrika Jonsson and Paula Yates might be high-profile examples of Middle Youth, but they have the benefits of celebrity and funds to keep childcare worries and wrinkles at bay. It could be that hard-working, rather than hard-partying, women such as Nicola Horlick are more the norm for women in Red's age-group.

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## Lords' block for Mayor

The Government is facing defeat in the House of Lords over its plans for an elected mayor and assembly for Loudon, a senior Liberal Democrat

peer claimed yesterday.

Lord Tope, who leads his party on the Association of London Government, said he would be "astonished" if plans for a single-question referendum on the subject next May were not overturned. The Government wants simply to ask Londoners if they want an elected mayor and assembly, rather than allowing them the chance to say what sort of democracy they want for the capital.

Lord Tope said that Labour Peers, unlike MPs, would not be under so much pressure to toe the party line. "If the Bill gets to the Lords ... then I would be very surprised indeed if it gets through the Lords," he said.

Nick Raynsford, the minister responsible for the measures. said Londoners could not have an assembly without a mayor or a mayor without an assembly. It is not a lucky dip and it is not a pick and mix." he said. — Fron Abrams

## Back in the front line – the king of spin shows how to box clever

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It had been a while since Peter Mandelson's clenched fists and a sort of wiggle, remilast utterance in the House of Commons, and the poor man was clearly overwrought with nerves. What was that about everyone singing from the government hymn sheet? Poor Mr M must have wandered out of his pew and tottered down the road into a completely different church before launching

into this fulsome confession: "Some very serious allegations have been made about the way in which public officials, publicly funded civil servants, are being drawn by ministers into party political activities," he blabbed. "That misuse of civil servants is a disgraceful attack on their neutrality and impartiality."

defence of public servants' rights was mounted not yesterday - when the minister without portfolio appeared for the first time to answer questions on the milleunium exhibition in Greenwich, south-east to the dome, he told her. Dr Starkey, nat-London - but in his previous appearance on 11 July 1996.

The man "in the dark" of Clare Short's memorable description does not seem to relish the glare of parliamentary scrutiny. So it was no wonder he looked a little wan when he entered the chamber yesterday. It had been filling up gradually in anticipation of M's long-awaited performance, and Tony Banks - who had just been fielding questions for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport - clearly intended to stick around for the big event. The sports minister dug his colleague in the ribs and gave him what one can only presume was meant to be a gesture of encouragement. It consisted of two

niscent of the salute that accompanies a cry

of "Yesss!!" when a goal is scored. What we will certainly never know is why poor M was so wound up about the whole thing. Like the true Machiavelli he is, he had it all sorted in advance. His fellow-MPs were allotted just five minutes in which to grill him, about four and a half of which were taken up by a clearly spontaneous question from Labour's Phyllis Starkey (the location of whose Milton Keynes South West seat clearly gives her a deep personal interest in matters pertaining to Greenwich).

What plans, she wanted to know, had the minister got for a transport infra-OK, so I admit it. Mr Mandelson's stout structure for the exhibition? Amazingly, Mr Mandelson had a reply ready: there would be "park and sail" facilities sited all over London in order to ease the passage of the good people of Bedfordshire on their way urally surprised and delighted, thanked him

An earnest contribution from the Liberal Democrats' Simon Hughes, a quick dig from the Tories about how nice it was to welcome Mr Mandelson back after such a long absence, and that was it.

By now, the minister was looking relaxed and relieved. But just in case we were in any doubt about how nervous he was, the Secretary of State for Culture, Chris Smith, gave him a fatherly pat on the back as the two left the chamber together. "How sweet," we all thought. "Isn't it nice what good friends Mr Mandelson has?"

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## Blair backs the 'rebranding' of Britain abroad

Tony Blair donned traditional white tie and tails last night to present his first major foreign affairs speech at the Mansion House. Colin Brown, Chief Political Correspondent, says the Prime Minister insisted Britain would "compete on brains not brawn".

Tony Blair last night described himself as a "patriot" and re-inforced the Government's "rebranding" of Britain's image

abroad as "a great place to be". Wearing traditional evening dress, which was spurned by Gordon Brown when the Chancellor delivered his own Mansion House speech, Mr Blair the anti-European scepticism of our relationship with the US at year, he said.

mism, confidence and selfassurance" about its future.

But after criticism that last week's Anglo-Prench summit at Canary Wharf in Docklands, east London, focused too much on "cool Britannia", Mr Blair said the new confidence in Britain was not just about style.

"It is of course about substance," he said. "It's about knowing where we are going. That's what gives us the confidence. We do. And with the right blend of intelligence and determination, we will get there. We compete on brains not

The Prime Minister's goals included a "quantum leap" in education, a low-inflation economy, and reform of the consti-

said Britain had "new opti- the Tories, but it showed little change on the main foreign af-

fairs strategy. However, Mr Blair said that foreign policy should not be seen as a self-contained part of government in a box marked abroad" and "foreigners". It should complement and reflect domestic goals, and be part of the mission of national renewal.

"In the end I am simply a patriot. I believe in Britain, but it is an enlightened patriotism," he said. "Patriotism based not on narrow chauvinism but on the right values and principles."

Presenting himself as a staunch ally of the United States over Iraq, and a pro-European, Mr Blair said Britain would be strong in Europe and strong with the US - "there is no choice between the two. His speech contrasted with Our aim should be to deepen British EU presider

hicle maintenance were award-

TECs to pay the £5m back to

the Exchequer.

all levels. We are the bridge between the US and Europe. Let

Leaving all sentiment behind, Mr Blair said the US was a "force for good in the world - they can always be relied on when the chips are down. The same should always he true of

Underlining Britain's readiness to stand firm against Saddam Hussein, Mr Blair said Britain needed strong defence, and to use power and influence for a purpose.

Britain must be a key play er on international issues such as the environment, drugs, terrorism, crime, human rights and development.

Crime would be one of the key issues on the agenda at the Birmingham summit for the

## Training fraud cost taxpayer £5m

Minister will today carpet employers leaders for presiding over one of the biggest alleged frauds involving taxpayers' money to surface since Labour came to power.

Representatives from 28 employer-led Training and Enterprise Councils will be held to account for allowing £5m to be paid for allegedly bogus qualifications.

Today's meeting in Whitehall comes at a time of mounting government disquiet over the seeming inability of TECs to exercise sufficient control over the £1.25bn of state funds they disperse. TECs were created by the last government and charged with responsibility for providing training for the unemployed and developing local economies.

The TEC leaders have been called in today by Dr Kim Howells, minister of education and employment, after the Qualifications and Curriculum Au- pany. Some of the A-level



Board, formerly state-con-

trolled, but now a private com-

tion into Employment Link, a training agency which performed £1m worth of work for the Central Training and Enterprise Council in the Midlands. Dr Howells has

neighbouring TECs. thority decided to withdraw The government is known to 1,600 National Vocational be investigating other cases of Qualifications. The certificates alleged fraud by companies contracted to TECs in England, were awarded by the Road Transport Industry Training Wales and Scotland.

threatened to wind up the or-

ganisation and merge it with

Last month Michael Bichard, Permanent Secretary at the Department for Educa-

equivalent certificates for ve- tion and Employment, told TEC chairman of his "deep coned to people who apparently do cern about errors and irregular not exist. Others were issued payments". He said: "I wish to with the qualification without do everything possible to reverse the requisite level of achieve- what appears to be a fall in stan-

ment. Dr Howells will order the dards of financial control." Chris Humphries, chief executive of the TEC National The award of the certificates Council, is anxious to dismiss is being investigated by police any suggestion of fraud on the and follows another investiga- part of TEC directors or officers directly employed by them. Mr Humphries is expected to attend today's meeting and will point out that cases under investigation involve less than half a per cent of the 500,000 trainerss that TECs work with each year.

Mr Humphries will argue that most of the fraud allegations that involve cases which are more than three years old and have come to light as a result of more stringent financial controls imposed by the TECs themselves.

— Barrie Clement Labour Editor

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#### Algeria's 'dirty secret'

A senior Algerian officer accused Algerian secret services of being responsible for the massacre in September of 200 villagers at Beni Messous. blamed on Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas.

In an interview with the French daily Le Monde, the man, who said he was a senior army officer in Algiers Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DRS), also repeated charges that Algerian secret services were responsible for two Paris bomb attacks blamed on Islamist guerrillas. — Reuters

#### Israeli accord with Vatican

Israel and the Vatican scaled an accord vesterday formally recognising the legal status of Catholic institutions and strengthening diplomatic ties.

The sides said they had worked on the agreement since they established relations ending nearly 2.000 years of sometimes hostile Catholic-Jewish relations. Under the deal, Israel legally recognises church officials and offices. The deal will aid the church in property issues and judicial disputes.

— Reuters, jerusalem

## Yeltsin and Jiang solve border crisis

of state, Jiang Zemin, yesterday ended a long-running border dispute that exploded into armed clashes in the 1960s.

The highlight of the fifth Sino-Russian summit was a declaration laying to rest wrancles over implementation of a 1991 accord that mapped out the entire 2.800-mile frontier.

Border tension between China and Russia has flared on and off for several hundred years since the days of the tsars. It erupted most recently at the height of ideological confrontation between Moscow and Peking as they vied for supremacy in the Communist world.

Red Army soldiers of the former Soviet Union fought skirmishes with Chinese People's Liberation Army troops in 1969 on ice floes along

frozen border rivers. President Jiang said the ty and calm on the Russian- met the American President grandchildren at a light-heart- 1960, following their close

The Russian President. Boris Chinese border". Experts have Yeltsin, and the Chinese head been haggling over where to frontier stretching in an arc from Mongolia to the Sea of

> There is no dispute over a 32-mile wisp of border in mountains to the west between Kazakhstan and the westernmost tip of Mongolia.

At a ceremony in the Great Hall of the People, the Chinese vice-Premier, Li Langing, and the Russian First Deputy Prime Minister, Boris Nemtsov, signed three documents aimed at boosting a worryingly low level of trade.

Under a framework agreement on the pipeline, gas would flow from Siberia to China's Pacific Coast for 30 vears. The supplies would also serve Japan and South Korea. last month.

Mr Yeltsin hailed the sucagreement would "create good a kind that was pointedly abguarantees for peace, stabili- sent when the Chinese leader they spoke warmly of their



Bill Clinton in Washington

Mr Yeltsin and Mr Jiang cess of his third state visit to locked in a bear hug at the China, and stressed a person- steps of Peking's Great Hall of friend, every time we meet it al chemistry with Mr Jiang of the People, and after they emerged from their summit

ed meeting with reporters. A alliance of the previous Chinese foreign ministry decade, is now almost com-spokesman quoted Mr Jiang as pletely forgotten. The relationship has blossaying: "Yeltsin is an old somed since the late 1980s and

is happy and intimate." is now described by both coun-Bitter rivalry between Moscow and Peking from

- Reuters, Peking

## Clinton defeated on trade treaties

Clinton yesterday shelved his attempt to obtain enhanced power to negotiate international trade agreements. Analysis in Washington compared the defeat to his first-term failure to pass a comprehensive reform of the health system and saw it as evidence that the tide of US politics had turned against free

Mr Clinton had worked into the early hours of yesterday morning, telephoning Democrats in the House of Representatives to try to persuade them to come over to his side, and Vice-President Al Gore had spent most of Thursday and Friday lobbying personally in the corridors of Congress. In the event, Mr Clinton was around 20 votes short in the House of Representatives, although the measure might have passed the

The frantic efforts by the Administration on "fast track" made the defeat particularly embarrassing. But it was also a political blow to Mr Gore. The campaign against fast track, which would have deprived Congress of the authority to amend international trade agreements negotiated by the President, was spearheaded by

In one of the biggest political defeats of his presidency, Bill Richard Gephardt, the man seen as one of Mr Gore's chief rivals for the Democratic nomination for the presidency in the

In all, as many Democrats as Republicans opposed the measure, arguing that the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement had harmed American workers by depressing wages. Extra subsidies approved by Mr Clinton last week for US regions adversely affected by free trade agreements proved insufficient to win over sceptics. Pressure from constituents was cited by many in Congress as the reason why they could not change their vote - suggesting increased public suspicion of free trade. All US presidents. from Gerald Ford onwards, en-

joyed fast track authority. Mr Clinton tried to put a brave face on his defeat yesterday, insisting that he would reintroduce fast track legislation "at an appropriate time". White House sources had earlier said, however, that if the legislation did not pass now, it was unlikely to pass in the current presidency and trade officials said that Mr Clinton's ability to negotiate new free trade agreements with Latin America would be greatly impaired.

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## Netanyahu seeks British backing for Palestinian deal

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, flies to London tomorrow for talks with Tony Blair in what must feel like the calm between two storms.

He was immersed last night in a conflict between his Likud MPs and the rank and file about the way they select parliamentary candidates. The 3.000 conference delegates want the final say. MPs and ministers fear that Mr Netanyahu will use a conference of yes-men to eliminate dissent. They prefer American style primaries.

Next week, Mr Netanyahu goes on to the United States, yesterday. where he faces a showdown over legislation that would permit

out conversions in Israel. American Jews. 80 per cent of whom their Judaism.

In London, Mr Netanyahu will try to convince the Govemment to back his proposal for negotiating a final settlement with the Palestinians straight away, rather than lumbering through a series of interim stages. "The more we linger and delay in getting to this fast-track negotiation ... the longer we'll delay the peuce," he said

rejected by the Palestinians. forces.

only Orthodox rabbis to carry the Americans and moderate Arab states. They suspect that Mr Netanyahu will use it as a are Reform or Conservative, denounce this as delegitimising cisions about the future of the occupied territories.

 Amnesty International bas called for the British government to raise with Mr Netanyahu the issue of torture of detainees - described by Israel as the use of "moderate physical pressure". In a letter to Tony Blair, Amnesty also expresses concern about a draft law, now before the Knesset, which would outlaw the right to compensation if civilians are killed This idea has been roundly or injured by the Israeli defence

#### Moi sets stage for Christmas poll in Kenya

arap Moi, dissolved parliament elections around Christmas when he will seek a final fiveyear term after two decades in power. A brief statement from the presidency in Nairobi end-

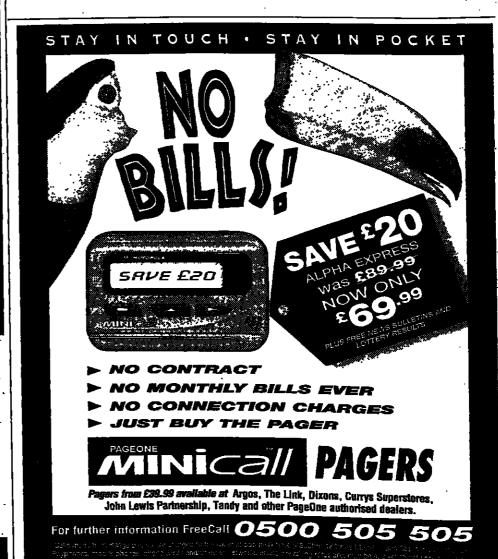
ed weeks of guessing games. President Moi, 73 and in power since 1978, is seen as the favourite against an array of candidates from the divided opposition. But predictions are risky because there is no reliable opinion research into the intentions of Kenya's 11 million

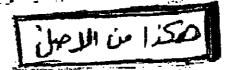
advocating a boycott and disruption of the polls.

The long uncertainty about polling day has hit business and industry with potential foreign investors waiting for the dinary Kenyans, also fear the violence associated with politics

ber during pro-reform protests. ment takes charge. Recent reforms are aimed at

The Kenyan President, Daniel registered voters. Hardline creating a more level playing opposition figures, led by vet-field and include a wholesale reyesterday, setting the stage for eran Kenneth Matiba, are view of the constitution after the elections. But opposition leaders and pro-democracy campaigners fear the new rules will not be fairly observed by the provincial administration, an almost omnipotent corps which outcome. Businesses, like or- reports directly to the presidency. The hardline opposition rejected the reforms as in Kenya. More than a dozen cosmetic and is demanding a civilians and policemen were long postponement of the polls killed between May and Octo- while a national unity govern-





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Fighting for survival: A tiger fends off a rival, but the animal's greatest threat may come from humans Photograph: Anup Shah, Land of the Tigers/BBC Books

## Tiger products still being used in Chinese medicines

Despite several years of publicity and campaigning against the trade in endangered wildlife, drugs and potions higher in New York, where in containing tiger parts - or claiming to do so - are still widely used in Oriental med- macies sold tiger products. icine around the world, an undercover inquiry has found.

Staff from the Environmental Investigation Agency. based in London, visited pharmacies offering traditional Chinese medicines in the Netherlands, Britain, the United States and Japan, accompanied by hidden cameras.

They found them openly ол sale in Tokyo, Yokohama, Amsterdam and New York but not in any British city, suggesting that efforts by UK police forces to crack down on the trade are having an effect.

There are thought to be only about 5,000 tigers left in the wild, most of them in India, compared to roughly 100,000 at the beginning of the century. It is estimated that one or more tigers are poached in India every day, with the demand for medicinal products being the key driver behind the illegal killing.

In Amsterdam, investigators found tiger bone products on sale in five out of six Chinese pharmacies, in pill, liquid and plaster form. Pharmacists identified mainland China as the source of the medicines.

In Tokyo and Yokohama, two-thirds of pharmacies in a telephone survey carried tiger products, up from 48 per cent in a similar survey two years ago. The figure was even February an investigation revealed 80 per cent of phar-

However, none of the shops surveyed in the UK in London, Glasgow and Edinburgh - sold tiger products, and in several cases pharmacists properly advised undercover investigators that trade in such products was illegal.

In traditional Chinese

medicine, ground up tiger bones and other organs are believed to provide remedies for ailments such as rheumatism and arthritis, digestive illnesses and impotency. They are incorporated in tonics. pills and pastes. There is also a trade in skins, teeth, claws and skulls used as ornaments. Meanwhile, after last year's fall in the price of seal penises, the market is now rising. At a recent fisheries exposition in Peking, a Norwegian company sold its entire 1997 stock of 6,000 at prices of \$40 for the long ones (45cm) and \$15-\$20 for the short ones (20cm), the Norwegian newspaper Bergens Tidende reported yesterday. The buyer, from Singapore, also secured an option on all the seal penises that the company can supply next year. They will be used in the manufacture of a remedy designed to stimulate sexual potency.

— Nicholas Schoon, Environment Correspondent

## Crofters face threat from 'eco-warriors'

There are plans to set up Britain's first shrimp farm on the Hebridean island of Harris. But as Stephen Goodwin discovered, there are

tensions between people struggling to make a living in the far northwest of Scotland and conservationists.

Roger Crofts, chief executive of the quango Scottish Natural Heritage, believes the idea that conservationists are making people an endangered species in the Highlands and Islands is a "tired myth".

He told the annual conference of the Scottish Crofters'

only for the barnacle goose or the corncrake was simply a "caricature".

But the crofters remain deeply sceptical. The Edinburgh-based public servant may be "Croft" by name but community leaders remain to be convinced his organisation has turned crofter-friendly. "SNH are becoming intolerable in the way they are operating. They are becoming like bureaucratic ecowarriors," said Angus Graham, vice-convener of the Western Isles Council and the SCU representative for the islands.

"It doesn't go down well that these people come out of university with their PhDs and come here and tell us what to do," Mr Graham said. The crofters maintain their ability to Union (SCU) on Skye that the make even a partial living from as outsiders driving around in designated as of special scient to supplement their income.

new Land-Rovers concerned tific interest or scenic value. With the plethora of protec-'don't do's", according to the SCU. These might curtail the number of sheep on a croft, the use of fertilisers, drainage work and other agricultural operations. However, Scottish National Heritage denied the existence of a list of prohibitions, claiming normal crofting activ-

ity could continue unhindered.

The controversy over a proposed shrimp farm on Harris illustrates just how easy it is to see SNH as hostile to economic development. Hebridean Shrimp Farms wants to build a facility for harvesting local and tropical shrimps. Europe offers a lucrative market for shrimps, currently supplied by Asia. The project would create 20 permanent jobs - some would be the portrayal of environmentalists the land is hit when areas are type of jobs taken on by crofters some five acres of machair with

marine biologist Duncan May tionist labels comes a list of and chemist Joanne Murday. said the shrimp rearing method had been in use elsewhere since redshank, dunlin and oyster the 1970s and was accepted as environmentally friendly. SNH's initial concern is not over pollution but the visual impact.

David Maclennan, Western Isles manager for SNH, insisted the agency was not opposed to a shrimp farm but wanted to make sure it was in the right place. The company had been vague about its plans, he said. One site mentioned in in-

formal discussions, Northton, is in a national scenic area. It is become "a wilderness". prime "machair", a type of dune grassland, recognised as internationally important and crofters are opposing a proposal virtually confined in Europe to NW Scotland and parts of Ireland. The farm could cover scientific interest (SSSI). pools and sheds, according to to safeguard the mosses and

The couple behind the idea, Mr Maclennan. "The loss of lichens of what is a rare blanscale would be significant," he catchers. But to job-starved could offer a similar lifeline to salmon farming.

Mr Graham finds SNH's priorities mind-boggling. "To object to a shrimp farm on Harris and to allow a bloody funicular railway up Cairn Gorm is unbelievable," he said. Islanders say that if SNH keeps trying to stop development and regulate crofting. Harris will

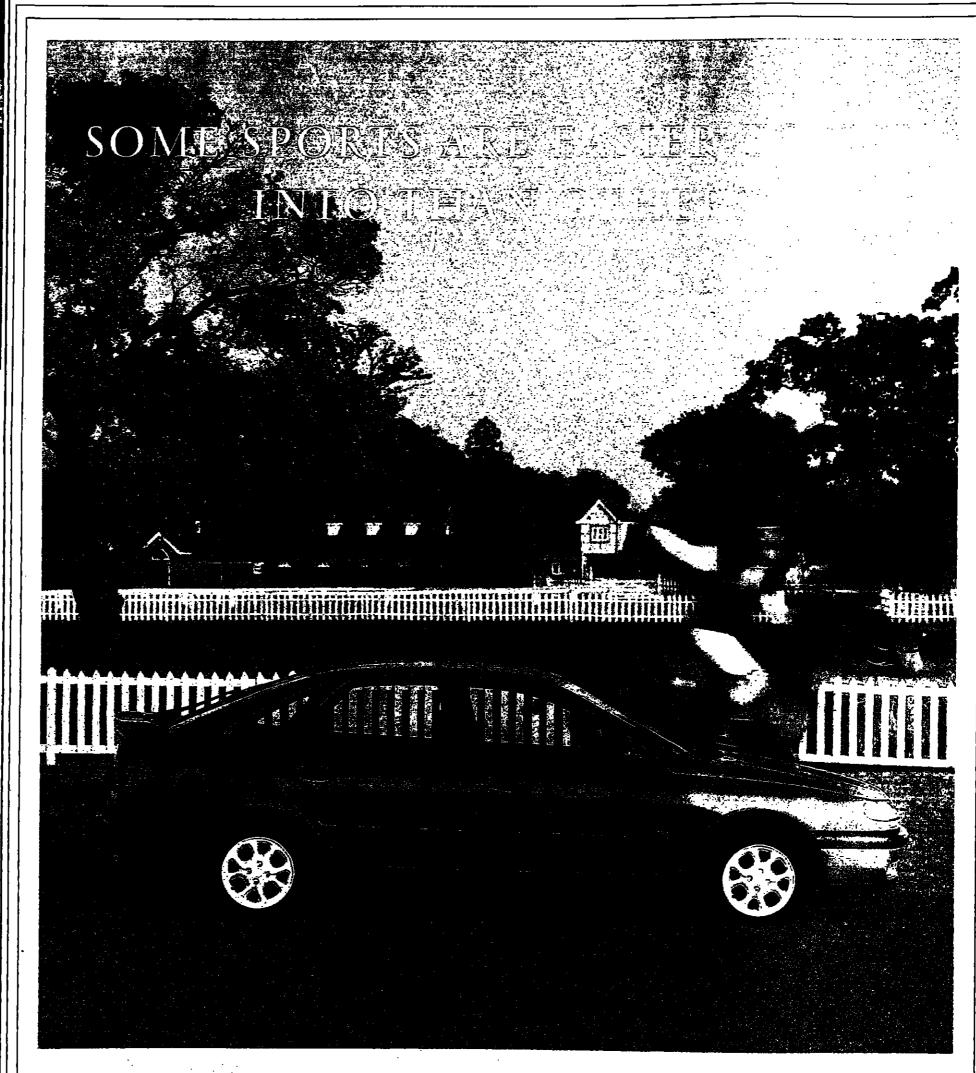
Over on the mainland at Inverasdale in Wester Ross. to designate 3,000 acres of their hill grazing as a site of special

The heritage quango wants

prime machair habitat on that ket bog. But crofters fear there will be restrictions on stock said. It is home to birds such as numbers making it difficult for young people to build up a holding. This type of thing could Harris, shrimp production drive even more people to work away," said grazings clerk

Hamish MacDonald. Typically a croft is about 10 acres of land around a cottage with a much larger area of common grazing beyond. There are some 11,000 crofting households in North-west Scotland of whom less than 8,000 are active. That leaves about one-third of crofts not being worked.

Wildlife tourism seemed to be the biggest opportunity the SNH chief foresaw, with novel ideas such as charging for access to bird hides. But the crofters themselves plainly prefer the farmer's basic satisfaction of livestock rearing and harvest -



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British plans to stage a grand 27-nation summit for leaders of countries seeking European Union membership were boosted last night after Bonn dropped its veto on the inclusion of Turkey. Katherine Butler in Brussels reports on the German breakthrough.

into a pan-European "conferprize for applicants who will not pean," he added. be included in the next wave of

anything which might be conbut in a move interpreted by and human rights record. British officials as a breakthrough, the German foreign Bonn was now dropping its op-DOSILION.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, welcomed the German change of heart, saying it reflected the "gathering recog-Britain, which takes over the nition that Turkey must be a part EU presidency in January, now of such a European conferhas majority support among its ence". "We have always taken EU partners for inviting Turkey the view that it is important to encourage those in Turkey who ence" designed as a consolation see Turkey's vocation as Euro-

the EU's enlargement. Greece the then EECin 1963 but most remains implacably opposed to member states are deeply uncomfortable about encouraging strued by Ankara as a ticket to its membership given Turkey's join the EU membership queue, size, poverty, religious make-up

Resolving how to give Turkey the status it deserves minister, Klaus Kinkel, said within "the European family" without raising false hopes has become urgent now that EU membership negotiations with Cyprus are due to start in March. The Turks have threatened to annex northern Cyprus if negotiations proceed exclusively with the Greek Cypriots.

Mr Cook said Turkey would have to demonstrate "very substantial further steps" on its economy and human rights record but this would be easier



Wild goose chase: Young women in traditional costume take part in the annual 'Miss Gooseherd' pageant in the Dutch town of Coevorden yesterday

#### Swiss banks widen access to accounts

Swiss banks bowed to criticism yesterday and made it easier to find dormant accounts from the Holocaust era.

The Swiss Bankers Association said it was publishing a list of 3,687 foreign names in three newspapers - in yesterday's editions of The New York Times and the international edition of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung of Switzerland, as well as in Friday's edition of the Israeli paper Yedioth Ahronoth.

The foreign names were first disclosed on 29 October along with more than 10,000 Swiss names on accounts that have been without instructions from their owners since the end of the Second World War.

The association also has reverted to an easier system on the Internet, allowing viewers to see all the names.

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## Brussels on alert after race riots

Belgium's capital was tense and on high alert yesterday after a weekend of clashes between police and North African immigrants sparked by police shooting dead a suspected drug dealer of Moroccan origin.

"The forces of order are present in large numbers and will remain in place," the interior minister, Johan Vande Lanotte, said after a crisis meeting of civic leaders. "The security measures will continue".

Anderlecht, a poor district of Brussels where immigrants make up about 60 per cent of the population, erupted in violence on Friday night after police killed Said Charki, 24, as he tried to escape arrest. He was found to be in possession of 50 grammes of heroin.

The disturbances continued on Saturday and during a demonstration against racism on Sunday, when members of the marginalised and largely ignored North African immigrant population in the capital country.

vented their pent-up anger. More than 170 people were arrested, petrol bombs and paving stones thrown, shop windows smashed and cars overturned.

By yesterday afternoon, all the people arrested had been released, prompting the Mayor of Brussels, Francois-Xavier De Donnea, to criticise the public prosecutor's office for a lack of rigour, given that some of them were found with iron bars and bottles of petrol.

About 200,000 immigrants, mostly of North African origin, live in and around Brussels. Many see themselves as much Belgian as North African, but they have been deprived of voting rights and find themselves forced to the fringes of

Their problems are aggravated by the fact that many are francophone, putting them on a collision course with the Dutch speaking population in Brussels and the north of the

#### Poland's new leader pledges an era of moral renewal

Promising a "moral renewal" and fundamental economic reforms, Solidarity's new Prime Minister yesterday served notice that his four-year term will focus on eradicating the last remnants of communism in Poland.

In an inaugural address of the new Sejm, Jerzy Buzek. the 57-year-old chemistry professor entrusted with the new government, sought to invoke the values that bound the anticommunist alliance together.

"There will not be a strong Poland without moral order, without patriotism, or respect for the Christian roots of our civilisation. Today we want to make up for the time that was wasted," he declared, in a reference to the four years that Solidarity had spent in the wilderness. The remaining state-owned industries would be privatised by 2001, Mr Buzek pledged. Coal mining and heavy

industry would be restructured.

The government's aim was that Poland's economy should be based on private property, with state support for a newlyemerging middle class. "We want a free economy with chances for everyone," the Prime Minister told MPs ahead of last night's confidence vote.

Mr Buzek said his government would do away with unnecessary licences, cut corporate taxes and "remove barriers limiting home and foreign investment". He identified the economic priorities as promoting growth, curbing inflation and reducing the budget deficit.

Former communists criticised the Prime Minister for being short of specifics. "The speech contained many sensible goals, but the explanation of how to achieve them was foggy," their leader, Jozef Oleksy, said.

#### Holbrooke starts Cyprus visit

The United States embarked on an initiative yesterday for settling the problem of war-divided Cyprus with the first visit by Richard Holbrooke, recently named President Bill Clinton's special envoy for Cyprus.

Mr Holbrooke's deputy. Tom Miller, the US Special Coordinator for Cyprus, opened the initiative with separate meetings with President Glafcos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash.

A State Department spokesman said that Mr Holbrooke felt it was time to bring the two

leaders together "with no set agenda to see if they can have

an informal discussion". Western diplomats, insisting on anonymity, said Mr Holbrooke's main thrust will be to try to arrange the participation of both sides in entry negotiations with the European Union.

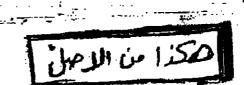
Mr Holbrooke, chief architect of the 1995 Bosnia peace accords, sees the prospect of Cyprus joining the EU as a catalyst for the reunification of the island. Cyprus has been unofficially partitioned since Turkey invaded and occupied its northern third in 1974.





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## Unlikely bedfellows unite to preserve 'La Difference'

Boutros Boutros-Ghali will make his comeback this week, as secretarygeneral of Francophonie, the French version of the Commonwealth, It was founded in 1986 to defend French language and culture, but il years later you no longer have to speak French to get in. At its summit this week, Moldova will become the newest member, and Nigeria has been invited. Our Paris Correspondent asks:

It is somewhat rare to hear the language of Molière spoken on the streets of Lagos. The same is true of Cairo, Sofia, Bucharest and, increasingly, Hanoi, But they are all capitals of countries which belong to, or wish to belong to, "la Francophonie", a loose grouping of 49 countries, provinces and territories devoted to the promotion and protection of French language and culture.

what is going on?

The leaders of members of Francophonie, and would-be members, will meet in Hanoi this week for the organisation's seventh summit. They will elect a secretary-general (almost certainly Mr Boutros-Ghali) and, for the first time, give the organisation a formal headquar-

ters and secretariat in Paris. Officially, Francophonie is being extended and "re-positioned" to resist the global domination of the English language and Anglo-Saxon (that is, American) culture. Unofficialfor malcontents and misfits.

#### BY JOHN LICHFIELD

What can the military regime in Nigeria, suspended from the Commonwealth for human-rights violations, bring to the rearguard action against Anglo-cultural imperialism? Not much. Officially, Lagos has been invited to take part because it has promised to pro-

mote the teaching of French. "In truth, Nigeria is there because, it is a pleasingly rude gesture to Britain", said Philippe Moreau-Defarges, professor of international relations at the prestigious foreign think tank, the Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI).

But is not France the country which invented human rights? Is it not self-defeating that an organisation created to defend France's cultural contribution to the world should chase the favours of states such as Nigeria? "Maybe," said Mr Moreau-Defarges. "But France is also the country of political intrigue, the country of Richelieu."

Romania, already a member, speaks a language related to French. But what of Bulgaria, Poland and Albania, expected to join next year? Officially, these countries are signing up because they support France's quest to preserve cultural diversity in the face of the English-language domination of everything from movies to the Internet.

This is a legitimate, even laudable, goal. But French officials recognise privately that the citizens of these countries

cophonie because (with the exception of Poland) they are on the fringes of European integration and hope belonging to the French cultural club will buy them French support in the neectiations in Brussels. This has, however, proved of limited value so far.

The summit in Hanoi, from Friday to Sunday, will discuss two declarations on the promotion of economic ties. It will also consider ways of challenging the English language domination of the information revolution. One suggestion will be the creation of a "virtual university" in the French language, by using the existing Internet or an especially dedicated network of computers.

But the single most important piece of business will be the selection of Francophonie's first full-time leader. Mr Boutros-Ghali, the Egyptian statesman deposed as United Nations secretary-general last year, has the support of France, Belgium and Quebec, the three largest players. He is a high-profile name. Just as usefully, his election will get up the nose of the United States, which fought to have him removed from the UN.

In an interview with the French magazine Le Point, Mr Boutros-Ghali said Francophonie had "no future" if it stuck to its original conception: the defence of French as a global language;"It must turn to defending cultural diversity and multi-lingualism, which constitute the true quality of the human heritage."

Mr Moreau-Defarges says this point is accepted by Paris, even if it is, in a sense, an admission of defeat: "Any hope that you could build an inly, it seems in danger of are far more interested in learn-ternational organisation around becoming a gathering ground ing English than French. Their French alone cannot be susgovernments are joining Fran- tained in the modern world."

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#### VIETNAM PLAYS HOST TO ITS OLD ADVERSARY

The ghosts of Dien Bien Phu will summit opens, President finally be laid to rest when Vietnam hosts the annual summit the first time this weekend. For France, the event is an important step towards re-es-

guage. For Vietnam, it is another a "normal" country. From tomorrow, before the

lacques Chirac will make a two-day state visit, the first by of Francophone countries for a French president since Vietnam ceased to be a French colony. Embarrassingly for France, members of the Vietnamese Catholic community tablishing French as an Asian lancomplained yesterday of the brutal repression of demonstrations at the weekend against the confiscation of property.

France has given Vietnam £7.5m towards the cost of organising the summit. The biggest single expense was the construction of a new conference centre in Hanoi, at a cost of £3m. Somewhat to French chagrin, the centre will also serve as the venue of the Anglophone summit of the Association of South-East Asian Nations next

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## Students 'fed up' in clearing mess

sities failed to fill degree course vacancies during the "clearing" period because of their slipshod, unprofessional attitude towards applicants, according to a report due to be published this week.

Students who lost a place at the university of their choice because they had failed to achieve the necessary A-level grades, found themselves subjected to further misery at the hands of inexperienced, untrained staff at places with vacancies.

Riley and Greyling, a Manchester-based marketing company, said that some students who responded within minutes. of seeing places advertised in newspapers were fobbed off

A number of univer- on the telephone by staff who were "not very knowledgeable or helpful". Many were told spaces had already been filled or that they needed specific A grades rather than the equivalent in points.

The "snapshot" survey, claimed to be the first to examine what school leavers experienced both before and after the clearing period, was conducted among students in London, the Midlands and the North of England. Careers teachers said colleges should be more aware of the "stress-The survey, conducted by ful time" callers to their hotlines were experiencing.

The complete survey findings are to be disclosed at Clearing '97 to be launched in Nottingham tomorrow. — John Izbicki



Place of change: Russ Wallace, head of Blakelaw school in Newcastle, helping pupils. The school is among those Photograph: Michael Scott being given a fresh start and Mr Wallace said the initiative had spurred it into action

## Blunkett says 'naming and shaming' schools works

David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, said yesterday that 'naming and shaming' poor schools works and he was prepared to do it again. judith Judd, Education Editor, examines mixed reactions to his аппоипсетель.

Of the 18 schools named by the Government last May because they were not improving quickly enough, one has now been taken off the list of those labelled failing by inspectors and three more are likely to be removed by Christmas.

The rest remain in "special measures" - the regime of intensive monitoring for schools found to be failing - but most are showing reasonable signs of improvement. Almost half the improved schools have new head teachers.

The closure of one school, Handsworth Wood School for Boys in Birmingham, already scheduled by the local authority, will go ahead. Two others, Mostyn Gardens primary in Lambeth, south London, which will have a new head in January, and Selhurst High in Croydon, where the authority is trying to dismiss 15 teachers, are still causing serious concern.

Local authorities are reviewing the viability of two schools: Dulwich High in Southwark and Earl Marshal in Sheffield.

Mr Blunkett dismissed the reaction from teachers' unions. We are talking about giving people simple basic facts about the state of education at their children's schools. It is a moral matter. Some people know about their children's schools and some don't. If they know, they remove their children."

Schools were on the list he years and were being allowed to drift. "Without our action, none of the schools would have improved at the rate which I have described. Otherwise they would already have been doing

Ministers spent £90,000 sending consultants into the 18 schools. Stephen Byers, the school standards minister, said: "Today we can celebrate success and name and acclaim these schools that had drifted into long-term failure but which

have now turned themselves round."

One school which has improved dramatically said the policy had played little part in the changes. Another welcomed the intervention.

Jean Millham, head of Morningside primary school in Hackney, east London, which has improved so much that it has been given a clean bill of health, said she would never forgive the Government for upsetting children at the school on the day it published the list. The school had been improving long before the naming and shaming happened. "It just knocked everyone back and hurt parents, children and teachers. I hope they will learn this is not the way to do it," she said.

Extra money and expert advice had simply helped to speed up a programme which was already in place, Ms Millham

However, Russ Wallace, head of Blakelaw school in Newcastle, said the school had been spurred into action and would reopen with a new name and refurbished buildings next September under the Government's "fresh start" proposals.

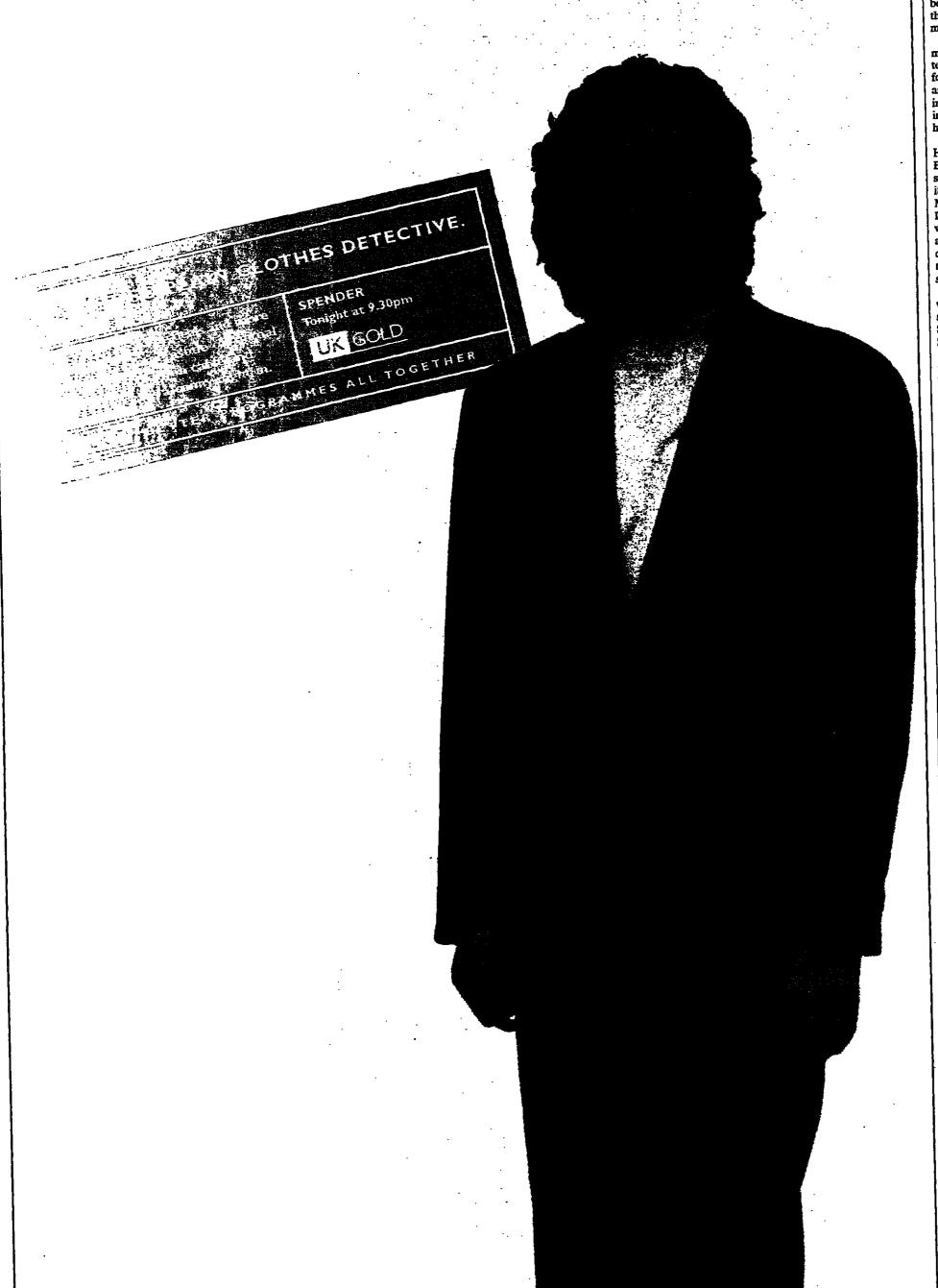
William Atkinson, head of the Phoenix School given a fresh start by the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and sent to Blakelaw by the Government, "has been a driving force in the work we have done", Mr Wallace said.

The school had introduced new literacy programmes and had formed links with wellknown companies to design a curriculum relevant to the world of work. There may be some staff changes. Mr Wallace, who is on a temporary contract, will himself be applying for a

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Today's announcement is a shallow attempt to give credence to said because they had been in a political stunt by the Government. The very fact that other failing schools which were not named and shamed are also making progress demonstrates that the Government has been engaged in a highly dubious exercise."

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, called on ministers to drop the naming and shaming policy, saying, "It seriously undermined support from teachers for the new government's policies and promoted anger rather than confidence."

New head and deputy to start

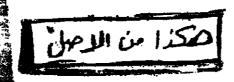


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The last Tory chancellor had the brilliant idea of raising more taxes by doubling the amount of airport tax to £10 per departing passenger. Of course most Tory politicians rarely travel anything else other than **BA** Club class and they have apparently missed the biggest revolution in air travel since the introduction of the jet aircraft.

This revolution is called deregulation and the product is the low cost airline. BA is so worried that they are thinking of starting one themselves. Their intentions must be to eliminate companies like easy Jet and then raise the fares again, but in the meantime their lobbying powers came to the rescue.

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cough is now so widespread that doctors may fail to diagnose the disease. But, in a small baby, it can still be highly dangerous, as Emma Haughton found out.

When our seven-week-old son, Zachary, first got the runny nose and persistent cough that was going round the family, we weren't too concerned. Minor coughs and colds seem to be a feature of life with three small children, especially once the eldest starts school.

After a few days, however, Zachary's cough became more alarming. One moment he appeared entirely well; the next, he was seized by a fit of violent choking, going blue from lack of oxygen and bringing up mouthfuls of sticky white phlegm. These paroxysms became more severe, occurring every half hour or so and lasting up to a minute, and he'd often be sick afterwards. But the GP seemed unconcerned, prescribing antibiotics for what she loosely referred to as a "chest infection", and assuring us that it was fine to go off on holiday as planned.

We spent a week in Suffolk watching Zachary deteriorate. He became quiet and lethargic, his coughing fits longer and more violent. The antibiotics did nothing except add five days of diarrhoca to his misery, and he quickly became dehydrated in the hat July weather. The journey home was peppered with emergency stops when Zachary went lifeless and floppy after a coughing attack. On several occasions we held him upside down and thumped him on the back. thinking he was choking on mucus.

Despite our graphic accounts of his symptoms, two further doctors failed to find anything wrong; one laughed openly when we said we were scared our son might die during one of his coughing fits. Slowly, Zachary

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Vaccination against whooping did recover, but it took several months, and he dropped to the bottom of his weight range and has remained there ever since: he is now two-and-a-half.

Just as the trauma of the whole experience began to recede, I came across a description of whooping cough in an old child care manual. The penny dropped. Zachary's symptoms were classic, even down to the absence of a whoop, rare in babies. For children under the age of three months, whooping cough can be severe; it might have killed him.

So why did the doctors - who eventually agreed with my diagnosis -get it so badly wrong? Probably because the disease is now comparatively rare, so they aren't familiar with its symptoms; and because mass immunisation has lulled them into a false sense of security.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is usually fairly mild in adults and older children, especially those who have been vaccinated. It is caused by a hacterium, spread via airborne droplets. After several weeks' incubation, the illness starts with a mild cough, sneezing, runny nose, and fever. The cough becomes more persistent and severe, especially at night, and can provoke vomiting; in small babies it may temporarily cause them to stop breathing. Recurrent vomiting can cause dehydration.

Little can be offered in way of treatment, beyond antibiotics early on, to reduce infectivity and shorten the duration of the illness.

However, more than half of reported cases strike those under three months old, where the disease can be life-threatening. Possible complications include pneumonia, brain damage and collapsed lungs, leading to death in one in 200, and occasionally permanent damage in survivors.

Whooping cough used to be a common disease - up to threequarters of the population succumbed to it at some point - but immunisation has brought the incid-



On a high: two years on, Zachary appears none the worse for his alarming episode of whooping cough

ence down from around 100,000 es a year to a reported 2,000 in 1972. Despite scares in the Seventies and Eighties associating the vaccine with brain damage in children, whooping cough immunisation recently hit record levels of 93 per cent of the population.

But Douglas Jenkinson, a GP from Nottinghamshire, believes that the pertussis vaccine currently given to babies at two, three and four months old is not as effective as most people assume. His 10-year study of 500 cases of whooping cough in his general practice of 10,000, published in the British Medical Journal, led him to conclude that vaccination is usually only fully effective for the first year, and that by the time children reach school, it provides only around 50 per cent protection. For small babies, the most common route of infection is via older siblings who have picked up pertussis at school Joshua, Zachary's older brother, had ghastly

coughing fits for a month. In retro-

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spect, it seems obvious that he was the first to contract the disease.

Jenkinson also believes that whooping cough is far more prevalent than the reported number of cases would suggest, and his suspicions are backed up by research across the Atlantic. A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association revealed that nearly a quarter of adult US patients complaining of a persistent cough were later found to be suffering from whooping cough. US health officials estimate that only 10 per cent of pertussis cases are ever reported, partly because doctors fail to diagnose it.

Much the same situation seems to be occurring here. The idea that vaccination provides universal protection tends to lull most doctors into a false sense of security, believes Jenkinson, who estimates that he now diagnoses : 100 times more cases of whooping cough than the average GP. Faced with a patient complaining of a bad cough, most doctors commonly attribute the symptoms to other chest problems, such as bronchitis, bron-

chiolitis, and even asthma. But even when pertussis is suspected, it can be difficult to reach a definitive diagnosis. "Whooping cough is difficult to diagnose, and most GPs have little direct experience of it," says Jenkinson. "Although the 'tune' of a typical spasm of whooping cough is unforgettable, the doctor is unlikely to hear a typical spasm in any given patient." Even when doctors do make the

connection, proving it can be difficult. According to Dr Ruth Matthews, head of the Pertussis Reference Laboratory in Manchester, which attempts to diagnose whooping cough from samples, only 60 per cent of cases are successfully cultured. "There are cases of whooping cough which are almost certainly genuine but which culture negative," she says, "but a clinical diagnosis from the symptoms alone is never definite."

The result is that many mini-epi-

This mite get rid of them House dust mites, a common cause of asthma, can be eliminated using eucalyptus oil, according to the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Though washing bedding removes 95 per cent of the allergen, the temperature needs to be quite hot - higher than 55C - to kill the bugs. Soaking in a weak solution of encalyptus is just as effective.

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Hope for the brittle

An on-the-spot test to identify women at high risk of brittle bone disease will soon be available. At present, the one in three post-menopausal women who develops osteoporosis rarely gets picked up in time to prevent fractures. The new test, Osteosal, involves GPs taking a small sample of urine.

Sunflowers to the rescue? Evening primrose oil, widely used to treat of premenstrual syndrome and breast pain, may soon be harvested from sunflowers, thanks to genetic engineers at Bristol University. Gamolenic acid (GLA), the active ingredient, is extracted with difficulty from the tiny seeds of the evening primrose plant - so it is expensive.

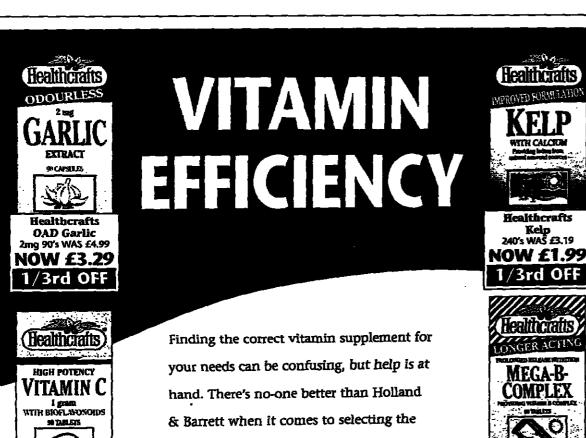
Having isolated the gene responsible for the enzyme that makes GLA, and introduced it into tobacco plants, the scientists found the tobacco made GLA. They are now trying the same thing with sunflowers.

Incredible shrinking kids

Children are taller in the morning, and some decrease in height during the day by more than 1cm - the "gravity effect" - say researchers in Southampton. They studied 53 children aged three to 11. Writing in Archives of Disease in Childhood, they point out that children's growth causes great anxiety. Clinics recording their height should always measure it at the same time of day.

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demics pass more or less unnoticed.

In our village, we discovered at least

two other families whose children had

suffered similar symptoms at around

the same time that Zachary had been

ill, and, like us, bad not even had the

possibility of pertussis considered. A

mother from a nearby town whose

school-age twins were probably the

source of the infection had been told

by her GP that it was "pseudo

whooping cough" and not as serious;

without a solid diagnosis, the school

was unable to warn other parents of

The good news is that most child-

ren who get whooping cough, even

those suffering a severe case, are un-

likely to experience any long-term ill

effects. Zachary, thankfully, seems

none the worse for his early trauma;

as his parents, however, we're left with

a more lingering legacy - anger at his

misdiagnosis, and considerable guilt

that we didn't trust our instincts and

push harder for help when he was

a possible outbreak.

"Where's Dr Fanners?" "He's retired. I'm afraid."

"But I always see Dr Fanners."

"As I said, he's no longer with us - but I've taken over his patients." "Then you should know all about me."

"Yes, well, from what I've gleaned, you've been down our way rather a lot."

"This is your 20th visit to the doctor

this year.' "So who's counting?"

"Actually, the computer does it. I press 'A' next to your name and it gives the number of attendances this year."

"Why would you need to know that?" "Well, on average men of your age pretty sick or ...".

"Ōr?" "Um - or there's a complex web of psychosocial issues triggering your

"I want some antibiotics for my cold."

"I see." "Good. So if you'll let me have them,

I'll leave you in peace with your computer. "Mmm. Why do you think you need

antibiotics?" "Because I've got a cold. Are you

deaf? "No. it's just that I wouldn't normally give you antibiotics for a cold."

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"You've lost me completely now." "The point is that just because something preceded something else, it doesn't mean it caused it. You would have got better from your colds just as quickly without the antibiotics. Trust me.

"You think you're so clever, don't "Well, doctors are in the top 0.1 per

cent of the academic population ... "If you're so clever, perhaps you could

explain why I always got antibiotics from Dr Fanners, who I presume was also in the top 0.1 per cent of the academic population. "Not towards the end he wasn't."

"Sorry?" "Nothing. It's just that Dr Fanners trained in an era when antibiotics were seen as cure-alls. Magic bullets, if you like. And despite the overwhelming evidence that they don't make a jot of difference to viral infections, he preferred to stick with his beliefs. Now, I'm not saying he

"Hello Mr Pitt. What can I do for was a bad doctor - far from it - but you and I know that medical science has progressed rather faster than Dr Fanners, don't we Derek?"

> "Do you know, you're really starting to annoy me."

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"And I'm saying, give me the tablets or else."

"Or else what?"

"Or else I'm not leaving this room." "Fine, but you'll have to move over -You can help me if you like."

"I will if you'll give me the tablets." "Derek, I'd love to. But your cold is caused by a rhinovirus living inside the cells of your respiratory epithelium where antibiotics can't get to it. Prescribing would merely reinforce your doctor-dependence and undermine your autonomy." "You've got about three seconds left

before I punch your lights out."

"Now you're just being childish. I'm trying to educate you, Derek. Antibiotics don't cure colds or flu, and they aren't much use for tonsillitis and ear infections, either. To get penicillin out of me, you'd

need to come back with syphilis." "Will Dr Fanners be coming back?"

"No." "Pity. He was amazing." "Yes, well everybody's searching for a

"George Benson, "The Greatest Love of All". My favourite song ever." "Really? Mine too,"

I believe the children are our future." "Teach them well and let them lead the

"Show them all the beauty they pos-"Give them a sense of pride - to make

it easier.' "Let the children's laughter remind us

how we used to be." "Do you know, when I'm feeling really low, I take the phone off the book, pump up the volume and yell: "I DE-

CIDED LONG AGO, NEVER TO WALK IN ANYONE S SHADOW!!!" "IF I FAIL, IF I SUCCEED, AT LEAST I'VE LIVED AS I BELIEVE."

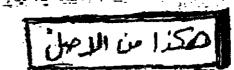
"NO MATTER WHAT THEY TAKE FROM ME, THEY CAN'T TAKE AWAY MY DIGNITY."

"Amen to that." "Amen."

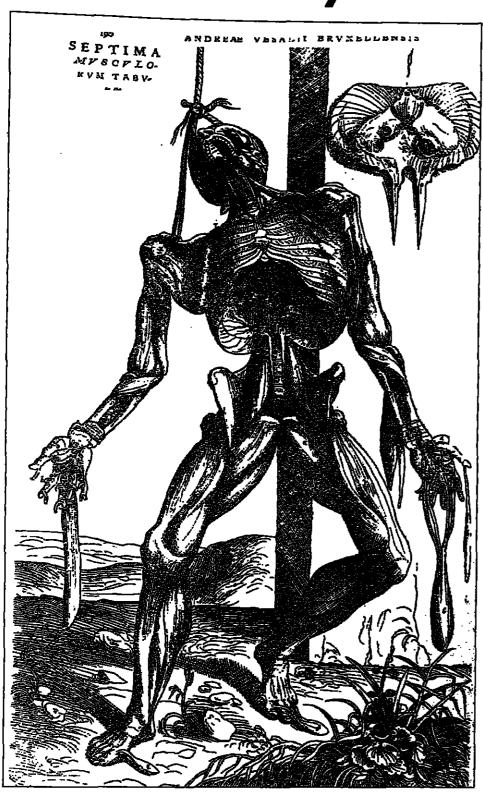
"Isn't it amazing how a dysfunctional consultation can be turned round by the utual love of a cheesy soul anthem?"

"Does that mean I get the antibiotics?"





## Four hundred years of stripping off on doctors' orders







If you think nude is rude, the scantily clad models that doctors consulted before 'Gray's Anatomy' imposed a more strictly clinical view.

Tom Lubbock uncovers the bare essentials at a new touring exhibition that offers a rare sight of the living dead.

much it altered her Person for the worse." Well, how would you put it? We have insides, and we can hardly ignore this important fact, but it's very hard to find the right way of feeling about it. Any attitude you take is likely to seem too sanguine or too hearty, too fastidious or too fascinated, too objective or too sadistic. For that reason, it's a subject very proper for artists to get their teeth into.

wrote, "I saw a woman flay'd. Artists and Anatomy" may well be seen this year. This is a South Bank Touring Exhibition, which has started its run at the Royal College of Art in London, going on to Coventry and Leeds, and it's curated by the RCA's Professor of Drawing, Deanna Petherbridge, with a keen eye for beauty, instruction and astonishment. The theme is interpreted broadly. Every sort of meeting between art and anatomy is represented, from

roughly the Renaissance on. the textbook demonstrations of medicine and biology, figure analyses from the life-class, pictures of dissection-scenes, mythical stories with anatomical subjects (the Flaying of Marsyas, Ezekiel's Valley of bones), constructions of ideal proportions, memento moris, and anatomical fantasias which seem to have no obvious purpose. But if this sounds like a heady mélange, then what's clear at once is that here categories aren't clear. In this gallery of body-works, observation, inquiry, aesthetics, allegory, comedy, pathos, the grotesque and the erotic are all

mixed up.

There are big names, including such well-known art-science crossover artists as Leonardo and Stubbs: You find the old masters at practice, Rubens doing a page of muscles, Caracci doing a page of feet (who says hands are the hardest things?). And the theme turns up some excellent surprises, like Jaques de Gehn's exquisite pen studies of a frog or a little picture by Nicholas Hilliard of a skeleton on a dark ground with the nervous system flashing round it like lightning. But the journeymen artists, who did the medical body-maps for Vesalius and his heirs, are no less absorbing. And it's with these works, whose use is notionally scientific, that a contemporary viewer is in for the most shocks.

We have an idea of normal anatomical illustration: a more or less neutral display of the body's parts and functions, where the body is shown as an ideal system, in no relation to any particular body alive or dead, It's a working model - dehumanised if you like, but hardly homan enough for one to feel that. And what's startling about their 16thand 17th-century equivalents is how this norm isn't observed, doesn't seem to be a norm at all. What you find, in image after image, is the anatomised body embracingly humanised.

Dissected, dismembered, opened-up, stripped to the muscle or the bone they may be, but these physical specimens remain living, personalised, socialised bodies. They stand in landscapes. They co-operate with the anatomist's work by helpfully displaying their own dissections to the viewer, holding open skin flaps to reveal viscera, farming out an array of tendons. They catch our eye, and adopt poses that are heroic or modest or sexy swoon with pleasure or writhe in pain. And this, remember, is textbook stuff.

It's hard to catch the tone. You're not sure whether it's a kind of joke, or whether it's a practical matter of showing how a living body works, so best to show it alive, or whether the story-telling impulse just can't be restrained even here. They're fantastic pictures, but perhaps not simply fantastic if one thinks of devotional images of Christ and the martyrs showing their wounds, and surgery before anaesthetics, and public executions in which the condemned often stayed alive and talking during evisceration, and general worries about the impiety of dissection (though it's good, too, to understand God's handiwork). What these pictures never let you forget is that to get anatomical knowledge, real bodies have to be cut up.

The temptation for us, wellschooled in the Surrealist virtues, is to find these pictures disturbing, and to like them for that. Wrongly, I think. Not that they're untroubled, but they're broad-minded about this. Depicting bodies from one point of view doesn't exclude, for these artists, all the other ways of feeling about them; and giving the anatomical body consciousness allows one to do this with a certain ease. But this ease doesn't last. And one of the many stories this very rich exhibition tells is about the birth of the "disturbing". It's a matter of different responses getting separated out, so that when they come together, it jolts. It seems to happen around the

middle of the 18th century. Gautier d'Agoty's dissections in colour mezzotint are really the first pictures where you feel something is up, the first occasion you want to talk about aestheticisation. The gorgeous colours and tactile tones are at odds with the detailed body analysis. The artist's response is divided. He's shocked himself by the way his fractured specimens can look so lovely, and relishes it. You have this sense even more strongly with the extraordinary illustrations to an Anatomy of the Human Gravid Uterus by Jan van Riemsdyck - and here I think even those with the most hearty appetite for the disturbing will start to wobble a little.

Pregnancy is an abiding source of interest throughout the show, and clearly it produces intriguing Russian-doll images.

and the belly peels back like the petals of a flower, or flips off like the lid of a pot. But in these beautifully high-finish red-chalk drawings, Van Riemsdyck incites the most extreme contraries. The mother's body is clearly a specimen for display, just a torso cropped at the chest and thighs. At the same time it's erotic flesh on a bed, the legs splayed for sex as much as birth. with the pudenda stressed by being pointedly hidden by a little book. It's also dead meat on the slab: in another picture the thighs are sawn through and the stumps presented full-frontal. After these sensations, the dull neutrality of Gray's Anatomy, established in the mid-19th

It's around then, with the firm specialisation of scientific illustration as a non-artistic genre, that the show pretty well stops. But not quite. In the last 15 years there's been a lot of anatomy-based art - art that revels in the body's dangers or tries to assert the body's rights against clinical classifications. A dozen or so examples are included here (by Kiki Smith, Cindy Sherman, Robert Gober, Marc Quinn and others) to put a contemporary gloss on all the history. But it's rather a token ges-

century, seems a wisely calming

ture, partly because there's so much of this work that it could make a large show by itself, partly because it then seems arbitrary to exclude almost all the earlier modern art about the body (one Max Ernst collage excepted), but mainly because all the subjects the recent stuff is dealing with are very thoroughly addressed by the rest of the show. It's still absorbing the shocks felt a couple of centuries ago. And although one would hardly wish to return to Vesalian medicine, this exhibition can't but incite some nostalgia for its vision, where bodies whole and dissected quick and dead, weren't subject to an absolute epartheid - just so long as it stays a vision, and doesn't come to live next door. To 24 Nov, RCA. London SW7 (0171-590 4444); then on tour

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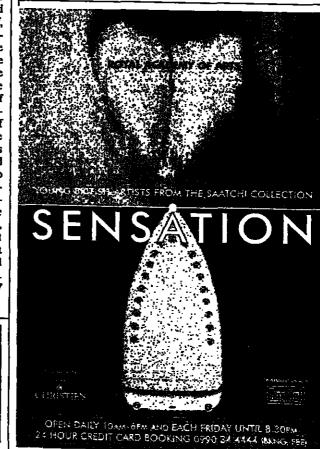
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## In America presidents come out for lesbians. In Britain...

A prime-time heroine on US television is openly gay; on Saturday night Bill Clinton met her at a formal gay rights dinner. In Britain, male homosexuals, cabinet ministers and all, enjoy a new era of acceptance. But, says Kathy Marks, lesbians remain largely hidden in professional and public life.

Rhona Cameron, the stand-up comedian, tells audiences that she and her girlfriend get fed up with being stared at when they are out together in public. She fantasises, she says. about marching up to straight couples in restaurants and telling them: "No, we're not interested in a threesome, and no, you can't watch."

Cameron, who co-presents BBC2's Gaytime TV, is one of a growing breed of comics who delight in subverting lesbian stereotypes. With their talent for self-parody, they go down a storm on the mainstream circuits. They are living proof, should it still be needed, that lesbian women are not the stroppy and humourless creatures of popular caricature.

Gays in Britain have never had it so good. After three decades of campaigning, many of the legal battles have been won and remaining inequalities look set to be tackled by the Labour government. Gay culture has permeated mainstream society and businesses are vying for the pink pound. The love that dared not speak its name can now be shouted from the rooftops, by latter-day Oscar Wildes and their female

counterparts. Or can it? Somewhere in this great social revolution, lesbians have been left behind. When people talk of a relaxed and self-confident gay community, they are usually referring to gay men. When they admire the vibrancy of the culture, they are thinking of male bars and clubs. It is gay men, chiefly, who have



Ellen DeGeneres, left, star of the American sitcom 'Ellen', a come-out lesbian in character and in real life, went to the Clinton dinner with her girlfriend Photograph: AP

thrived as a result of the transforpublic perception of them as creative, exuberant, glamorous.

Women lag way behind in the image stakes. To a large extent, they continue to be classified either as butch, shaven-headed "diesel dykes", or, alternatively, "lipstick lesbians" - pornographic fantasy figures created for male delectation.

In the eves of their detractors, lesbians represent an abomination of both femininity and motherhood. Lesbians. Even the word itself has

a harsh ring to it.

ful, high-profile gay men in Britain. mation in attitudes. They bask in the Actors, designers, writers and musicians too numerous to list, not to mention three MPs. Well-known lesbians are thin on the ground. A couple of actresses: Sophie Ward and Pam St Clement. The novelist Jeanette Winterson. Maggi Hambling, the painter. And as of recently,

one politician, Angela Eagle. There was a short-lived vogue a few years ago ~"lesbian chic" - which gave rise to lesbian storylines in soap operas and revelations of lesbian affairs by female celebrities. It coaxed the subject some way out of the clos-Consider the number of successet, but ended in a froth of media

hype. Genuine declarations such as particularly daunting step. Angela Eagle's are rare, and still send a prurient frisson through society.

Some suggest that lesbians apnear to be inconspicuous because they are outnumbered by gay men in the population. It may be true, too. that they are less politicised and less outspoken. Peter Tatchell, the militant gay rights campaigner, believes that the lack of explicit criminal sanctions against lesbians has, while shielding them from overt

persecution, made them less visible. But the main reason why gay women have a low profile in society is that for them, "coming out" is a

For one thing, research indicates that they acknowledge their sexuality at a later age than men, by which time they may be married and financially dependent. For the estimated 15 per cent who have children, there is the fear, not unjustified, of losing a custody battle. Those who do take the plunge find that there is little infrastructure to cushion them; the support networks and public spaces are all male-dominated.

The workplace, too, is problematic. In conservative environments such as business and the professions, revelations of homosexuality can give

available for women, actresses dread

the repercussions of coming out.

Jackie Clune, the cabaret performer, says: "There's this idea among casting directors that you can't have a known lesbian playing Cleopatra, because the audience won't buy her relationship with Antony. But no one has a problem with Ian McKellen or Simon Callow playing straight roles."

In theory, it should be gay men who encounter more bigotry. They are associated with so many negative things. such as paedophilia and promiscuity. as well as death and disease thanks to Aids, But the prejudice that lesbians face is complex and insidious.

Gay men may be more threatening to beterosexual men, but lesbians -real ones, not actresses in porn films - are more profoundly disturbing because they function wholly independently of men. "A lesbian is a kind of affront to men, a vexing thing," says Beatrix Campbell, the writer and broadcaster.

What seems certain is that lesbians will never escape the straitjacket of stereotyping until they become as commonplace in public ' life as gay men. Coming out, though. requires a degree of self-confidence found only in women who have reached an unassailable position in their careers. Martina Navratilova was already unbeatable at tennis: Angela Eagle waited until she was a minister. But few women manage to attain such heights.

Lesbians will never achieve equality with gay men until the glass ceiling is smashed to smithereens.

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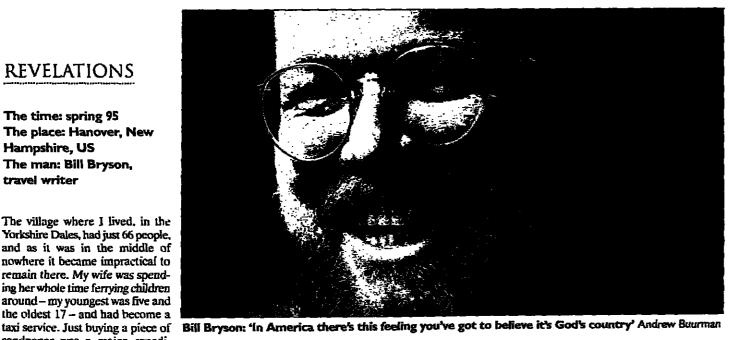
#### REVELATIONS

The time: spring 95 The place: Hanover, New Hampshire, US The man: Bill Bryson, travel writer

The village where I lived, in the Yorkshire Dales, had just 66 people, and as it was in the middle of nowhere it became impractical to remain there. My wife was spending her whole time ferrying children around - my youngest was five and the oldest 17 - and had become a sandpaper was a major expedition, so finally we decided that we had to move to somewhere more urban. I'd been in England for 18 years and as an American I'd felt really lucky to have spent my life in two different places. I thought it would be good for my children to looking out of the window. It was living in Britain you're not pihave the experience, too; somehow this became: "let's go to the States for a while."

We found a really nice college town in New England. Everybody was terribly welcoming. Our furniture was all in a container ship, so we had six weeks with nothing to sit on or eat off. Amazingly, the neighbours would come up the front walk with chairs and microwave ovens, and temporarily furnished our home for us. Our life has become easier and more comfortable. Everyday encounters with American people, like going to the Post Office, are also very nice. Once a year they have customer appreciation day and put out coffee and free doughnuts. The staff are helpful and very quick, because in the States you only go there to buy stamps and not to pay your television licence, get a tax disc for the car, collect your pension or any of those thousand other things that make a visit to a British Post Office an all-day adventure.

Yet I knew on day two that I had made a big mistake. I remember waking up in this new house and



## 'I felt homesick for a country that wasn't my own'

the beginning of summer and the weather was wonderful, but I put my head in my hands and thought: "what have we done?" It turned out that it was harder for me to live in America than for my wife, who is English, and the children. There was nothing to hate, nothing to complain about but I felt homesick for a country that wasn't my own.

The family loved America because it was a big adventure, but for me it was the end of my big adventure. It was a little like moving back in with your parents again in your forties. If I was going to leave Britain, on reflection I wished we'd gone somewhere new, so there was some forward motion rather than what felt like a backward step. America was too familiar for me.

I'd taken Britain for granted and hadn't realised how much I'd enjoyed it. You're in a privileged position as an immigrant. When the Royal Family misbehaves or England fails to qualify for the World Cup, I can sigh: "nothing to do with me." Yet when something goes well you can step forward and join in the celebration. As an American geonholed by your accent or your educational background; you can . move comfortably through the various social strata. Now it's my wife's turn to benefit from being different. She got off a speeding ticket the other day by being very English: "I'm terribly sorry, I'm new here and not terribly good at see-

ing these speed signs." Finally, it dawned on me that I'm a natural outsider; it's a nice position to be in. England is far more tolerant of these dissenting voices; America is a young country needing to establish its identity; there's this feeling that you've got to join in and believe it's God's country.

I realised, eventually, that there was no point rebelling because it was a done deal. So I decided to try to make the best of it and enjoy New England - it's not as if I'm serving some sort of prison sentence. One of the things that charmed me again about America, after having lived away for so long, was the scale. My original motivation for walking the Appalachian Trail, which I write about in my new book, is the immense amount of land that isn't being used. I was drawn to the idea of immense distances without houses. However, the deeper motivation could have been that hiking made me an outsider again.

Walking is uniquely un-American. People just do not walk. it's quite extraordinary. Where we live is about a five-minute walk from Mainstreet, Hanover. It's a level, pleasant stroll through leafy streets and I'm virtually the only person in the town who would think of walking there. My neighbours think it's a rather nice idea but feel they don't have the time, and it's true because they spend all their time looking for parking spaces.

On the Appalachian Trail I was repeatedly struck by how empty it was, even though it crosses some of the most arresting and celebrated landscapes in the country. Half the population, 100 million people, live within a day's drive, and yet even on the busiest days there are only a few thousand people, maybe an average of one person a mile. If you walk on any footpath in the Lake District, it's like the long marches of the Chinese Army. Yet on the Appalachian Trail everybody

is bitching that it is getting way too crowded. It's crazy.

You cannot imagine what that is like, to try to cover 2,200 miles on foot. It's like walking from Land's End to John O'Groats, then turning round and returning to Sheffield. In Great Britain you would go through villages, drink in pubs, stop in bakeries. On the Appalachian Trail you're in the wilderness. with all your possessions and food on your back.

I have an ambivalence about the American outdoors. It is compellingly beautiful, with a majestic scale, but at the same time there is also something menacing. You are far enough away from help that if your appendix burst or you broke a leg you could end up in big trouble. Just a couple of weeks ago, they carted the dead body of a kid off Mount Lincoln (one of the peaks I climbed).

I devoted a whole summer to hiking the Appalachian Trail and I never really made up my mind whether I liked it or not. The landscape is so empty, it is like looking at the ocean - featureless. I often thought it would be nice if there were a couple of castles to make your eye linger.

There is a similar tension between being an outsider and joining society. The one time I felt connected in some fundamental way was in Maine, when I went down to a stream to filter some fresh water and saw a moose there. They're striking creatures, ugly but unthreatening, and you have a real sense of being out in the wilds. Yet I was struck by the surreal thought that this was an American moose, and that we were both Americans. If this moose could have spoken, he would have talked with an American accent, too. But even in America they are exotic creatures, and suddenly there was a recognition that we were both outsiders.

'A Walk in the Woods' by Bill Bryson is published on 13 November by Doubleday and costs £16.99.

Interview by Andrew G Marshall

#### Casual observers

the kiss of death to a career - more

so for women than for men. "It's dif-

ficult enough to make it as a woman.

without being a lesbian to boot," says

one hospital consultant. "We already

have to deal with sexism; why add

homophobia?" One barrister says

that if she were known to be gay, she

would never be made a QC. "We

have to conform to the womanly im-

age as well as the professional one."

In the media and the arts, one ex-

pects less intolerance. But even the

theatre, home to so many gay men,

is said to be unfriendly territory for

lesbians. With so few good parts



If the Prime Minister's

children are on show on Remembrance Sunday, they should dress the part, says Diana Appleyard.

We are all, on the whole, far more relaxed about the way we bring our children up, and this is reflected in the way that they dress. I for one loathe to see girls in frilly dresses and gold necklaces, and little boys in bow ties and waistcoats. I'm all for leggings and polo shirts, and fun. comfy clothes. But just occasionally we need our children to look smart. Out goes the sweatshirt and the tracksuit bottoms - in comes the jacket and tie or neat skirt.

Surely the Cenotaph Remembrance Service on Sunday was such an occasion. But apparently not so for the Blairs. They were quite happy to let Euan, 13, Nicholas, 11, and Kathryn, 9, appear on the balcony of the Foreign Office, in full view of the crowds and veterans below, dressed in T-shirts and sweatshirts. They were, admittedly, wearing poppies, but this served only to highlight the casual nature of their

clothes even more. Their father was of course part of the event - and he was dressed entirely appropriately. Even their mother had made the effort with a sombre black number - but the kids looked as if they'd rushed along after a quick game of football in the back garden. Slumped on the balcony, stifling the odd yawn, they looked as if they would have been much happier watching Cartoon Network. They

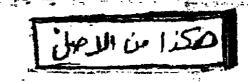
were certainly dressed for that. I have two girls, aged four and

nine, and I know what hell it can be to make them look smart and presentable. Children's clothes now are perfect for casual wear - stretchy, brightly coloured leggings, pull-on jumpers, polo shirts, fleecy jackets and Kicker boots. They look great and they are convenient for parents because they wash easily. But wave anything like a smart skirt or buttoned blouse at my two and they run a mile. Amidst much grumbling they will wear such clothes for school but out of school hours, I have to physically pin them down to force

them into granny-pleasing outfits. But I think that is good for their souls. They have to realise that occasionally we have to dress to please other people, not just wear what we feel comfortable in Children also have to realise that certain clothes are appropriate for certain occasions. and dressing up in a smart jacket and

tie shows respect. T-shirts don't. Both the Blair boys attend the Oratory School, in west London, where they have to wear a uniform of black blazer, striped tie, and grey slacks, so a little formality wouldn't have been unfamiliar at all. It would have cost nothing for Cherie to suggest that they put on their blazers. She wouldn't even have had to insist on a collar and tie - a long-sleeved polo shirt in a dark colour would have just about passed muster. The point is that the young Blairs didn't have to be at the service on Sunday, but the way they were allowed to dress was as if she was saying, "OK, I know they all look a bit of a mess, but kids will be kids, won't they? Does it mat-

ter what they wear?" Well, I think is the answer is yes. They are the Prime Minister's chil-



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Feaver: struck fear into bishops' meetings and college high tables

## The Right Rev Douglas Feaver

Douglas Russell Feaver, priest: born Bristol 22 May 1914; ordained deacon 1938, priest 1939; Curate, St Albans Cathedral 1938-42; Chaplain, RAFVR 1942-46; Canon and Sub-Dean of St Albans 1946-58; Vicar of St Mary's, Nottingham and Rural Dean of Nottingham 1958-72; Bishop of Peterborough 1972-84; married 1939 Katharine Stubbs (died 1987; one son, two daughters), 1988 Clare Harvey; died Bruton, Somerset 9 November 1997.

Douglas Feaver was one of the Church of England's more colourful characters, about whom innumerable anecdotes are related. Indeed, some years ago, there was published, under the title Purple Feaver (1985), a collection of his bons mots which, even if some had become embroidered in the telling, are undoubtedly ben trovato.

Feaver was a man of firm and well-grounded views, and a hearty range of prejudices, which he was never afraid to express. When one met him, one was likely to be greeted not with the usual platitudes, but with a

sharp, challenging, even outrageous, comment about oneself or one's opinions: his tall figure, shambling gait and piercing glance often made him seem like a bird of prey waiting to pounce.

So he could be distinctly for-

midable, striking fear into bishops' meetings and college high tables, where his quick mind and acerbic tongue would devastate any evidence of shoddy or half-baked thinking, with which he had no patience. But he never minded people standing up to him and he relished the cut and thrust of debate. And beneath it all, there was always a kind, warm and humorous person, who never took either himself or life in general over seriously, and could be

As a scholar of Keble College, Oxford, he took a double First in History and Theology. He always retained his scholarly interests and much enjoyed intellectual company. He then spent 20 years at St Albans Cathedral, first as curate and then as Canon and Sub-Dean, only interrupted by war-time service as a chaplain in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Perhaps a key step in his career was his appointment to the living of St Mary's, Nottingham, the central church of the city. The setting of a beautiful building and the particular demands of such a parish admirably suited Feaver's interests and talents and his successful 14-year ministry there marked him out for the preferment which came

with his nomination to the sec

Feaver used to say that he

of Peterborough.

considered the diocese of Peterborough to be the best in England, and, if it is true that the prime requirement of a good bishop is that he should enjoy the job, this was certainly the case with him. He knew and loved the whole area, from its deeply rural parts to the great industrial developments which mushroomed during his tenure. Earlier he had been a Proctor in Convocation and, as a bishop, he was automatically a member of the General Synod, but he did not play a great part in the latter body and had scant sympathy with the central administration of the Church and its increasing

It was his diocese which absorbed his energies, and he never felt the need of a suffragan. He was a firm traditionalist, with a strong sense of history, wedded to the Book of Common Prayer, which he always insisted on using when he conducted public worship. Sometimes he could frighten timid clergymen and, unsurprisingly, not all his clergy agreed with him but they soon came to realise that he was no blinkered autocrat but someone

very approachable and deeply

concerned with them. Feaver had a special interest in the younger clergy, using his examining chaplains, in a way that no longer happens, to ensure that they did some solid theological reading and himself carefully reviewing their progress every year. Many were indebted to his pastoral ministry, not least the then Duke of Gloucester and his family who lived in the diocese, and in the lovely Palace at Peterborough he and his wife were always most generous and open in their hospitality. Under him. business was despatched briskly, in the

pulpit he was pungent, witty and brief and, although he did no major writing, his contributions to diocesan publications were models of wisdom and insight.

With some reluctance. Feaver felt he should resign after some 12 years in harness and settled first in Cambridge and finally at Bruton in Somerset. His first wife, by whom he had three children, was a Stubbs, a member of a famous clerical and academic family: when he remarried after her death, his second wife, who survives him, had been a distinguished headmistress. Both marriages were very happy, not least, one suspects, because both ladies were

a match for him Feaver became a bishop before the establishment of the Crown Appointments Commission and one wonders whether his pronounced individuality would have found favour under the present system. In many ways, he embodied a kind of Anglican churchmanship and understanding of the episcopal office which is now virtually extinct. - J.R. Porter

## Michael Ward

George Everard Yeo Ward (Michael Ward), actor: born Carnmenellis, Cornwall 9 April 1909; died London 8 November 1997.

Michael Ward belonged to that clutch of character actors whose services were in such demand during the heyday of the British film industry that they seemed to appear in every post-war movie. A master of cameo acting, Ward made his name in small parts throughout the 1950s and 1960s, in such films as Tom Brown's Schooldays. The Love Lottery and Doctor in Love.

Whether cast as an industrious barman or petulant shop afforded an air of upper-class nervousness. With light fuzzy turer on English birds."

hair, aquiline nose and always immaculately attired, he was a distinctive thespian whose haughty tones were well-suited to the fretful and solicitous characters for which he became renowned.

His more substantial film contributions included appearances as Maurice, an effeminate uncle in Norman Wisdom's seventh film Up in the World (1956), and as the supercilious Gerald in Hammer's What the Butler Saw (1950). For his performance as Elvin, an omithologist, in Sleeping Car to Trieste (1948), a fine remake of the 1930s classic Rome Express, Ward received glowing reviews. A trade paper commented: "the actor deserving most praise is Michael Ward who gives us a delightful characterisation of a lec-

He was born George Everard Yeo Ward. His father was a parish vicar which meant that the family moved around the Cornish peninsula, including spells at Falmouth; Hes-

senford, near St Germans; St

Agnus and Marazion. As an only child, Ward admitted to leading a lonely childhood, missing the companionship of brothers and sisters. He showed an early predilection for the piano and while attending Mannamead Junior School, within Plymouth College, received extra tuition from the housemaster's wife, an

accomplished musician. Although he never pursued his early ambition to become a concert pianist, he became a proficient player and wrote his own

and Drama, after a brief stint as a teacher.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, he had already made several stage appearances since graduating, and was living near Luton. After serving two years with the Army he was invalided out through illness in 1942, finishing the war years helping the emergency services around Luton.

He returned to the stage in 1945, playing Beverly Carlton in The Man Who Came to Dinner, followed a year later by an appearance in Gay Pavilion, as the shy footman, and understudying Vic Oliver in The Night and the Music. Ward made his film début in

1947 as a French valet in The First Gentleman, a study of the Prince material. Later he attended Regent's reign after the nearly three decades. Ward James Hogg. the Central School of Speech Napoleonic wars. The picture worked with many of the pro-

marked the beginning of a busy film career that contained appearances in five Norman Wisdom movies and five Carry Ons, including the part of Archimedes in Carry On Cleo (1964); he was also employed by the Boulting Brothers in several productions. His last film was Revenge of the Pink Punther (1978), playing a

real estate agent.

On television, he gave a fine performance as Adrian, Eric and Ernie's neighbour in the Morecambe and Wise Show. There was the role of Penfold in Crossroads (1976) and appearances in many other top shows, including Hancock's Half Hour, The Two Ronnies, Steptoe And Son, The New Avengers and Rising Damp, as a Labour candidate.

fession's top names on both sides of the Atlantic. Acting remained the mainstay of his working life, but for a spell during the 1950s he studied statistics in the evenings, enabling him to work occasionally for a large American pharmaceutical company when acting jobs were scarce.

Ill health forced his retirement from acting in 1980, but repeats of many of his films continued to generate fan mail. In 1990, he was offered a part as a cardinal for the American film Eminence. Sadly, illness prevented him from accepting it.

Although during the years before his death Ward was bedridden, he always retained a lively sense of humour. From 1989 until his death, he was cared for by his close friend

- Richard Webber Phillips in Just My Luck, 1957



Haughty tones: Ward (left) with Delphi Lawrence and Leslie Ronald Grant Archive

Herrera: 'catenaccio'

#### Helenio Herrera

coach and player: born Buenos Aires 17 April 1916; married; died Venice 9 November 1997.

Football has never had a more controversial master of pragmatic tactics than Helenio Herrera. As coach of the Milan chib Internazionale he presided over a defensive style that won the club two European Cups, in

1964 and 1965, and spread darkly throughout Europe. He more than anyone brought the word "catenaccio" into the game's vocabulary; the tactic of dour defensive football that forced the opposition to show its band and weaknesses.

He managed Inter for eight years from 1960, in which time the club also won the Italian championship twice and the World Club championship. Before that he had been manager

of Barcelona where he began the now popular method of psyching up his players before their matches. But his special talent was the organisation of a defence that had four men closely marking the attackers and a sweeper who was usually the springhoard for counter-attacks.

His own playing career was modest. He was born in Buenos Aires but his parents moved to Casablanca when he was three. After playing in the French

league he embarked on a nomadic life as a coach at various chibs in France then, in Spain, worked at Atletico Madrid and Valladolid. Always a man of determined views, at one point, following a fierce dispute with club directors, he was suspended from Spanish football and moved to Portugal. On his return to Spain he joined Barcelona, who sacked him after they lost to Real Madrid in

the 1960 European Cup semi-

final. That inspired his move to Milan, where he established his place in the records of the

game's tactical history. Football tacticians became immersed in the debate over the merits of the Brazilian qualities of individuality combined with a more positive 4-3-3 system and Italy's stubborn dependency on catenaccio. Because there were insufficient players of Brazilian talent in Europe, catenaccio caught on,

leaving behind the expressive football of earlier days.

At various times Herrera managed the national sides of France, Italy and Spain. He coached the Spanish side in the 1962 World Cup finals in Chile, but they started with the huge disadvantage of being without probably the most versatile forward of all. Alfredo di Stefano, who had fallen out with Herrera. As a result, Spain finished bottom of their first round group.

The team that finally overcame Inter's Herrera-guided style was Celtic, who beat them in the 1967 European Cup final. That broke the mould, leading to the exciting "total" football of West Germany and Holland. Herrara left Inter in 1968 and moved to Roma where he staved until 1971, and was reported to be the highest-paid coach in the world with a salary of around £140,000 a year.

Norman Fox

#### **Bert Haanstra**

Like Gilbert Adair [obituary of Bert Haanstra, 28 October], I gritted my teeth through most of the "supporting programme" shorts that were screened at

documentaries.

art houses in the Fifties and Six-His two best-received were ties, writes Timothy Gee. Our The Rival World (1955) and recollections differ, though, in Rembrandt, Painter of Man the case of Bert Haanstra's (1957), both overlooked in his obituary. Both of them con-

ter Shepheard, architect, 84; Mr

Kurt Vonnegut, novelist, 75; General Sir Walter Walker, former Com-

mander-in-Chief, Allied Forces

Northern Europe, 86; Miss June Whitfield, actress, 72; Lord Wolfson,

chairman, Wolfson Foundation, 70.

tained sequences which remain vividly in the memory more than 40 years later. The flight of the crop-

totally unable to cope with the debris, provided indelible visual and aural images. But the

plague, the windscreen wipers quent still. It concluded with a er painter who has left the raw sequence of the painter's selfportraits, arranged chronologically, dissolving one into the dusting aircraft through a locust Rembrandt film was more elo- other. There is perhaps no oth-

material for such a clearsighted, unsentimental record of the human face from early manhood to old age. Haanstra

made the most of his opportunity. Careful framing and skilled lighting combined to produce this uniquely cinematic version of the ages of man.

#### BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

BIRTHS GALLIVER: On 6 November, to Philippa Helme and Robin Galliver, a son. James Eric, a brother for Katharine, Jessica and Elizabeth.

GRIFFINe On 7 November, still fighting indignantly at the end of a mercifully brief bout with cancer, Peter John, aged 4734. Dearly beloved son of Mary Griffin (Golfy), adored and cherished husband of Dominique Jackson-Griffin, proud father and great mate of Guy Griffin, Daniel Griffin and James Griffin, magnanimous brother-in-law of the late Rory Jackson and of Patrick Marsh. Family funeral to be held in Chichester on 14 November. Flowers via Blames (telephone 01903 786311). Domations to Radar, 250 Giy Road, London ECIV 8AF. A memorial service for P.G. will be held at St Bride's vice for P.G. will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, in the City of London, at noon on Friday 9 Janu-

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Anniversaries Births: Feodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky, writer, 1821; René Clair, film director, 1898. Deaths: Soren Aabye Kierkegaard, philosopher, 1855; Ned Kelly, Australian outlaw, hanged 1880; Jerome David Kern, composer, 1945; Cyril Vernon Connolly, writer, journalist and critic, 1974. On this day: an armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany in the First World War, 1918; the first

video recorder was demonstrated in Beverly Hills, California, 1952. Today is the Feast Day of St Bartholomew of Grottaferrata, St Mannas of Egypt, St Martin of Tours

Changing of the Guard
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the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham, lat
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## LAW REPORT: 11 NOVEMBER 1997

## Foresight sufficient to make secondary party liable

A secondary party could be convicted of murder where he realised in the course of a joint enterprise that the primary party might kill with intent to do so or with intent to cause grievous bodily harm although he had no such intention himself. Where, however, the primary party killed with a deadly weapon which the secondary party did not know he had, the secondary party would not be guilty of

Regna v Powell and anor: Regna v ish; House of Lords (Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Mustill, Lord Steyn and Lord Hutton) 30 October 1997

The House of Lords dismissed the appeals of Anthony Glassford Powell and Antonio Eval Daniels against their convictions

conviction of murder. Peter Feinberg QC and Benjan Squirrell (Thanki Novy Taube) for Powell and Daniels; Christopher Sallon QC and Julian B. Knowles (Bindman &

Panners) for English; Anthony Scrivener QC and William Boyce (Crown Prosecution Service) for the Crown. Lord Hutton said that in the

case of Powell and Daniels the purpose of the joint enterprise. with a third man, was to buy drugs from a dealer. The drug dealer was shot dead and the Crown, unable to prove who had fired the gun, submitted that if it was the third man, the two appellants were guilty of murder because they knew that he was armed with a gun and realised that he might use it to kill or cause really serious injury to the drug dealer.

In the case of English the of murder, but allowed the appurpose of the joint enter-

peal of Philip English against his prise in which he and another authority that participation in a to the need to give effective man, Weddle, took part was to attack and cause injury with wooden posts to a police officer, but Weddle used a knife with which he stabbed the officer to death. It was a reasonable possibility that English had not known that Weddle was carrying a knife.

The questions before their Lordships were:

1) Is it sufficient to found a conviction for murder for a secondary par-ty to a killing to have realised that the primary party might kill with intent to do so or to cause grievous bodily harm, or must the secondary pary have held such intention him-self?

2) Is it sufficient for murder that the secondary party intends or foresees that the primary party would or may act with intent to cause grievous bod-ily harm, if the lethal act carried out by the primary party is fundamen-tally different from the acts foreseen or intended by the secondary party?

joint criminal enterprise with foresight or contemplation of an act as a possible incident of that enterprise was sufficient to impose criminal liability for that act carried out by another participant in the enterprise. The question then arose whether as a matter of principle there was an anomaly in requiring proof against a secondary party of a lesser mens rea than that needed to be proved against the principal who committed the actus reus of murder. If foreseeability of risk was insufficient to found the mens rea of murder

for a principal then the same test

should apply to a secondary par-

ty to the joint enterprise. The rules of the common law were not, however, based solely on logic but related to know that Weddle had a knife. practical concerns and, in relation to crimes committed in There was a strong line of the course of joint enterprises.

The first certified question would accordingly be answered in the affirmative, and the appeals of Powell and Daniels would be dismissed. With regard to the second

protection to the public against

criminals operating in gangs.

question, it had been submitted that in a case where the primary party killed with a deadly weapon which the secondary party did not know he had, and the use of which he did not therefore foresee, the secondary party should not be guilty of murder. That submission was correct, finding strong support in R v Anderson; Rv Morris [1966] 2 QB 110. On the evidence the jury could have found that English did not His conviction was unsafe, and the appeal would be allowed, - Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister



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Here (barring an improbable change in established behaviour patterns) we go again. Once again Saddam Hussein is defying the United Nations. Once again the Security Council is meeting to decide what should be done. Once again retired generals and sundry other war-gamers throng to TV studies to hold forth about the West's military options. Once again Saddam is talking to his own people about sacrifice and national honour. The odds are that, once again, bombs and Cruise missiles will be unleashed. Pentagon spokesmen will then doubtless proclaim the exercise a total success. Saddam will have "learnt his lesson" and Mr Clinton's approval rating will go up a few points. Sanctions will be reinforced, to the deprivation and distress of ordinary Iraqis, but not of their leader or his henchmen. For a few months, a couole of years if we are lucky, Saddam will stay in his cage. And then, without doubt, the whole cycle will repeat itself.

a better way.

and John Major before them. And there is a method in his madness. Surely, reason implores, there must be Increasingly it is us, not Saddam Hussein, who are boxed in. If it does not punish Sad-

TOP-GUN-BOAT DIPLOMACY

Alas, reason and the unending mess in Iraq are not natural bedfellows. After dridam, the 1991 Gulf coalition will lose face and the dictator has won both prestige and ving him headlong from Kuwait in 1991, additional elbow room. But each succesthe Western allies quite reasonably exsive missile strike seems less an act of inpected that Saddam would be overthrown ternational peace-keeping than vengeful - if not by popular uprising, then at least by a section of his humiliated regime. But spite. What is more, Saddam is an inextricable piece of the wider Middle East it didn't happen. Six years, much CIA plotpuzzle. Thanks to the intransigence of the ting and a virtual three-way partition of Israeli government and the reluctance of his country later, it still hasn't happened. Washington to do much about it, defiance In the meantime, what reasonable leader of the US is a powerful card for Arab pubcould wish to inflict extra misery on his lic opinion, for Saddam as well as Hamas own suffering people, rather than comply suicide bombers, however vile their methwith the UN inspectors, secure the lifting ods. Small wonder the Americans this time of sanctions, and rebuild his country's prosare palpably uneasy about acting alone. If perity? But Saddam remains in power, to push comes to shove, Britain, propelled by all appearances domestically more secure the Blair-Clinton friendship and the dicthan at any time since the Gulf war. On tates of an "ethical foreign policy", will present form he will outlast Bill Clinton doubtless go along. France, China and Rusmaybe even Tony Blair - just as he outsia, for understandable reasons, may not. lasted George Bush, Margaret Thatcher

If so, then they are wrong. The Gulf war showed the doctrines of collective security and Mr Bush's "new world order" working at their best. For Saddam to flout the United Nations now and get away with it would show them at their worst. A stake would be driven through the heart of UN credibility. Saddam Hussein remains a blight on his region; not quite an Adolf Hitler, perhaps, but an utterly ruthless leader who has invaded a neighbour, used chemical and biological weapons against both foreign armies and his own people, and would almost certainly do so

again, given the opportunity.

If necessary, therefore, the West must use force. But if the cycle of ever-diminishing returns is to be broken, it has to do more. First, a forgetful world needs to be reminded of what it is up against: let the UN lay out detailed evidence of the secret weapons programmes. But, it will be objected, the limited force used thus far has manifestly not stopped these programmes, still less brought about Saddam's downfall; should not the allies do what they did not after the 1991 land war and "go all the way to Baghdad"? But George Bush's objections then are doubly valid today. Now, as then, no obvious alternative to Saddam exists.

Now, as then, the American-led invaders would either have to take over the government of Iraq, as an occupying foreign power in the Arab heartlands, or countenance the disintegration of Iraq and even greater regional instability than today.

The second line of attack must be diplomatic, against the legitimacy of his regime. With his every challenge to the UN, and the fevered response to it within the world community, Saddam reminds us that he is Iraq's recognised leader. But why should this be? Why not link his compliance with UN resolutions to his continuing membership of that body? Meanwhile his record of lawlessness and brutality at least equals that of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic in Bosnia - why not treat him as an indictable war criminal, and ostracise every emanation of his regime?

This finally might encourage the putsch against him for which the West has waited in vain so long. It is not much of a solution, and it will take time. But it is the best available.

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#### **LETTERS**

#### Woodward jury

Sir: We believe that many of the criticisms levelled at the American Woodward jury apply equally in Britain. Two years ago we put our faith in the "12 good men and true", opting for a Crown Court trial for our son. We witnessed how a jury, despite medical and character evidence, can reach bizarre decisions. Prior to this experience, we had inherent faith in the system: indeed we had never had cause to question it. Our first rumblings of disquiet came when, during the case, a barrister stated to us that "we all know prisons are full of innocent people".

The jury must be one of the final institutions where there is no quality assurance, no way of ensuring standards, no means of evaluation and from whose decisions there are few means of redress. Members are not only unaccountable, but also likely to be unrepresentative, and the dynamics of decisionmaking are likely to be uninformed and questionable.

In the light of the Woodward case, and of the crisis of confidence in the British justice syshigh-profile miscarriages of justice, isn't it about time that the Government included this issue on its agenda, and gave consideration to ways in which jury decision-making processes can be monitored and evaluated. In the long term replacing juries with a bench of nine lay magistrates, who are at least familiar with the requirements of the court, might be a better option.

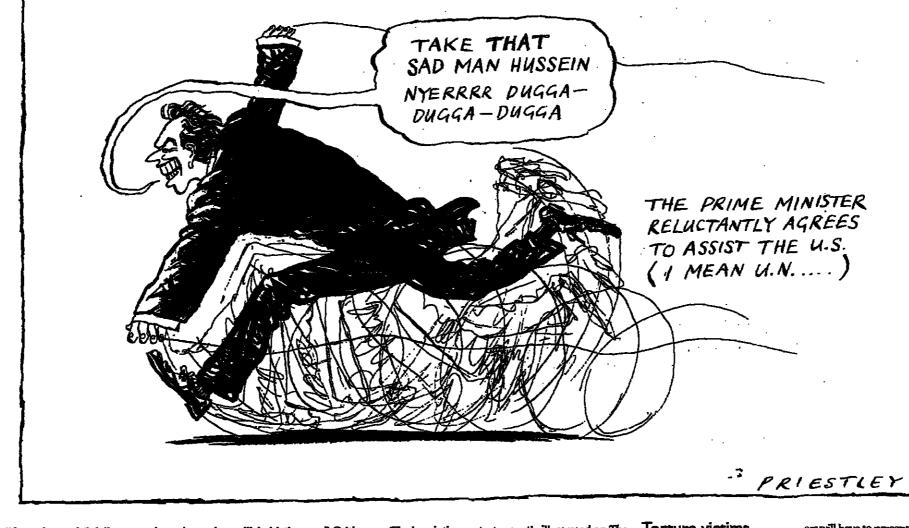
VALERIE HEWTIT MARTIN HEWITT Bursledon, Hampshire

#### Remembrance

Sir: I do not wear a poppy. In due course, no one will wear poppies.

many reasons to remember the Second World War and those who died. My father, aged 74, was closely involved in the war and draws an invalidity pension as a result. My grandparents were killed by a V-2 rocket and my uncle in an RAF flying accident just after the war.

I do not wear a poppy because, whatever the impact on my life, it was not part of my life. Yes, these people died to make Old tin hats, rusting ammuni-



knowledge that, but I cannot turn back and remember a time that I did not know.

At some point, we will stop marking the two world wars in the way we now do, for the simple reason that those with living memory of them will themselves have died. We no longer mark the battles of Waterloo, Hastings or Trafalgar in this personal way. So, too, this shall pass.

My father fought one tyrant At the age of 41, I have and his generation won. My generation must turn to fight the new tyrants. SIMON CALLEN

Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire

Sir: In Ypres last summer, we walked silently along the old trench lines, and visited countless home-made museums in garages and sitting-rooms, stacked with the debris of war.

my life easier and I fully ac- tion, shoes that still held the shape of their owner. Our children stood underneath the great arches of the Menin Gate. tearfully reading the lists of the dead out loud.

My grandfather and his brothers left their native Galway to fight in the Great War ~Ypres, Passchendaele, and Salonica. They saw the worst of the action, but managed to survive the four years. They returned home relatively intact. but not unscathed. The nightmares continued into old age.

My grandfather wrote his memoirs in later years, saddened that the incredible bravery he had seen in his fellow Irishmen had never been fully acknowledged ("Irish tribute to troops who fell in Great War". 10 November).

At the end of our day at Ypres we visited the cathedral. completely rebuilt, as was the entire city after the war. In the

tall Celtic cross. The inscription, in Irish, told that the cross had been dedicated by the people of Cork to all the Irish who had fallen at Ypres. In some foreign field there is a little piece that is for ever Ireland.

GERALDINE BURKE Marsh Baldon, Oxfordshire

#### Tests on animals

Sir: The Government's decision to ban testing of finished cosmetics on animals (report, 6 November) may be seen as a victory, but the size of the victory is scant for such an important issue. While working as a laboratory animal technician. it has not been unusual for me to see the death of as many animals in a day as have been saved annually by this move.

One of the main reasons for cosmetics testing gaining such public contempt is the uselessness of the results. For examgarden the children noticed a ple, the infamous eye irritancy

test recently illustrated on The Independent's front page was rendered pointless by the fact that the rabbit cornea is significantly thinner than ours, by the inability to cry in rabbits and the subjective assessment of damage.

Using animals in medical research could be compared in a similar way. The vast and various differences between animais and us make it a wholly unreliable method of research. Such methods can be used to prove that smoking cigarettes is safe, as is eating arsenic, while lemons and tap water are poisons capable of killing us.

Such issues need to be confronted and discussed at the highest level. The need for a Royal commission has not been alleviated by the banning of cosmetics tests, but emphasised.

CMM ILES-WRIGHT CIAT

Famborough.

Hampshire

#### Torture victims

Sir. The suggestion by HM Inspectorate of Prisons to convert HMP Aldington to an "immigration detainee holding centre" (report, 6 November) is ill-conceived.

The Home Office repeatedly says that it detains only a small percentage of asylum seekers and only in exceptional curcumstances. Why then build another detention centre for them? These people have committed no crime in the UK, yet they can be locked up for indefinite periods. Some of them have suffered torture. The further detention of torture survivors who have already suffered so greatly is, from any moral

standpoint, inadmissible. This widely trailed notion of a new detention centre - as well as the Home Secretary's abrupt announcement to Parliament last week to restrict to five days the time that most asylum seekers will have to present legal and medical evidence of persecution -smacks of opportunism in the

wake of the Roma (Gypsy) hys-

teria at Dover. SHERMAN CARROLL Director of Public Affairs Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture London NW5

#### Biggest freeze

Sir: You state ("Antarctica: the final holiday frontier", 5 November) that a temperature of -102°F (-74.4°C) was recorded at the South Pole in September 1957, making it officially the

coldest spot on earth. The coldest temperature recorded was at the Russian Antarctic research station Vostok. It was -128.6°F (-89.2°C),

in July 1983. Whatever the record, it's uncomfortably cold. NORMAN D PRICE Ewhurst, Surrey

#### Hard and soft news

Sir. All will be fine with touchy-feely news media, says Suzanne Moore (article, 7 November). As she says, "Consumer stories, human interest stories, quirky stories, do attract audiences. The big stories lately, whether Diana or Louise Woodward, are undoubtedly human interest stories and no less important for that."

The US administration's flinch from a hard decision on climate change is now last week's news, while the Paula Jones sexual harassment case seems set to run and run. One will certainly be followed more avidly by more people than the other - but is that any guide to importance?

One can picture a similar line in the 1930s: "Never mind that." middle-aged, middle-class male stuff about boring old German politics and Hitler - let's have some more about Edward and Mrs Simpson's romance!" Which would be just the way to ensure that millions of people eventually suffer in ignorance. C A BANKS London SE6

#### Heights of absurdity

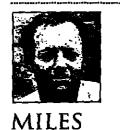
Sir: I was intrigued to see the photograph which accompanied Peter Popham's article "Bandit King" (8 November) captioned "India's southern highlands". The pace of change in India is now so widely acknowledged that it is no longer considered newsworthy. The emergence of a snow-capped mountain range (with a mahayana Buddhist structure in the foreground) in south India suggests, however, change of such seismic proportions that it will no doubt be reported upon in greater detail. I await Mr Popham's next article. T C A RAGHAVAN Press Counsellor High Commission of India

#### Scandal in church

London WC2

Sir: I can remember reading, in the letters of Sidney Smith, a canon of St Paul's Cathedral from 1831, that the public's misuse of the cathedral had become a problem (article, 5 November). He complained of graffiti on the tombs and of couples having "assignations in the pews". What's new? PATRICIA V DAWSON London SE26

## By the pricking of my thumbs, a Shakespearean shrink this way comes



KINGTON

A new book called The Genius of Shakespeare claims that as a psychologist Shakespeare was way ahead of Freud and knew far more about the human heart than he did.

But however good a psychologist he was, what kind of psychiatrist would he have made?

It's all very well writing great dramatic masterpieces which explore the human condition, but sorting out a patient with a real-life problem is a slightly different kettle of fish, as this scenario shows ... SHAKESPEARE (opening

door): Come in, come in and make yourself at bome. Your coat can go up there, and

here your hat. And you can lie down on the

couch just here. That's good. Now, sir, you have an appointed time? MACBETH: Aye, that I do, at eleven of the

The hour at which you fixed to sort me out. SHAKESPEARE: And you are punctuality itself. Sit down, good sir, and tell me, please, thy name.

clock.

MACBETH: My name? It is Macbeth. SHAKESPEARE: Just that? No other names? MACBETH: No, no. That is my name, for better or for worse.

SHAKESPEARE: A family name, perchance? Or is it one That comes familiarly first?

Surname or forename? Are you Mr Macbeth? Or is Macbeth your Christian, given name?

MACBETH: None of these. My name is King Macbeth. SHAKESPEARE: How very nice for you! And

king of where? MACBETH: The King of Scotland, won by force of arms.

As the three witches did foretell to me. SHAKESPEARE: Ah ha! So you see witches, do you? Well, well, well! And tell me, King Macbeth.

what do they say? MACBETH: That I shall be the king. SHAKESPEARE:

And so you are! What splendid witches you have got and no mistake!

They seem to know a lot, these witches that you see. So, was the throne inherited? MACBETH: No, ta'en by force From Duncan, King before me,

who was slain. SHAKESPEARE: By you?

MACBETH: Yes, yes, by me. Well not by me.

My wife it was who struck the fatal blow, And streaked the sentries' faces with his blood.

No, come to think, it could not be my wife, As she was quite reminded of her father's face

While bent upon the murder of King Duncan, And could not strike the fatal

Was forced to do it while the hid her face ... SHAKESPEARE: Quite so. Do you see witches still these days?

blow, so I

MACBETH: When they have something solemn to impart. SHAKESPEARE:

Alone? Or do you have a witness of these meetings? MACBETH: Yes, ves – brave Banquo saw

them too with me! SHAKESPEARE: And he would bear this out, would he? MACBETH:

Alas, he's dead. I brought matters up!

about his death, So, what think you? Can I be For much I feared that he fully cured? would take my throne. SHAKESPEARE: SHAKESPEARE: No doubt of it. Come back I see ... well to sum up. You are another time

convinced That you are King of Scotland, on the throne. You have a wife who murders everyone,

Who stands between yourself and high-born power, From time to time you meet three lady witches

Who tell you what will happen next to you. The only witness, sadly, you have slain.

Is that about the length and breadth of it? MACBETH:

Oh, sir, how well you sum these

My play Macbeth will soon be all the rage! A pot falls off the table and breaks. Ah ha! Macbeth brings bad luck when 'tis said. I think I'll say "the Scottish

And we shall talk about your

Exit Macbeth. Shakespeare rubs

This man is barking mad, and

Will make a five act drama. I'll

To dramatise his dream life for

Mum and Dad.

yet his tale

not fail

the stage.

play" instead ...

his hands.

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## A new formula: let the state pay for politics



#### DONALD **MACINTYRE FUNDING OF** POLITICAL PARTIES

Tony Blair's utterly unexpected decision last night to hand back the donation given to his party by Bernie Ecclestone, President of Formula One Holdings, has far-reaching implications for future political funding in Britain. This will matter, in the long run. much more than the messy government decision to exempt Formula One from the ban on tobacco advertising. As far as the latter is concerned, Mr Ecclestone's donation was always more important than the public health minister Tessa Jowell's past marital links with the motor racing industry. Ms Jowell didn't take the decision. Mr Blair did. It was on Downing Street orders that health officials travelled to Europe to seek a blanket exemption for motor racing from the EU ban; and as a fallback, if that failed, for a 10-year phased introduction to allow the industry to seek alternative sponsorship.

The real point of last night's announcement is that it raises huge long-term questions of over how sustainable private sector funding of parties will now be. Labour, to its credit, has travelled light years from the previous government's obsessive secrecy over party funding, Given, however, that the Prime Minister backed the Formula One exemption rightly or wrongly - for reasons unconnected with the donation, but still handed the money back, he has thrown serious doubt over future donations by those businesses that are bound to be affected by government decisions. In particular he has propelled state funding back to the top of the political agenda.

We now know that Mr Ecclesione gave money to the party in the normal way, and that the issue of Labour's pre-election blind trust turns out not to be relevant. It is anyway at present dormant and empty, having served its purpose of funding Blair's office when he was in opposition. That doesn't alter the fact that the blind trust was a had idea. Ostensibly, the trust provided a clean and convenient method of funding the leader's office. The argument was that had the leader known who funded his office he might have fallen foul of the Nolan regime when called upon in the Commons to tackle issues of direct interest to the donors. No doubt Blair was indeed kept in ignorance of the donors. Nevertheless the notion that walls were so Chinese that no one else in the Labour Party other than the trustees themselves could ever entertain a suspicion about who might have made large donations is absurd; as absurd as the fiction which prevailed in the Conservative Party that the party treasurer kept all the secrets and that ministers never knew a thing about party donors. In nine cases out of 10, businessmen want it known to at least someone who counts that they were donors.

The one undeniable consequences of the blind trust method of funding was to keep the names of the donors from the rest of us. We now know Mr Ecclestone wasn't a blind

trust donor, but if he had been, we might never have known. It isn't even slightly impugning any Opposition leader's integrity, then or now, to say that it would be much better if henceforth his or her office was paid for either out of general party funds - or possibly, through an increase in Short money, by the state. Sir Patrick Neill has already made it clear that he regards blind trusts as a highly suitable target for investigation. I'm sorry, but most businessmen don't give money for the sheer altruistic joy of anonymously helping a cause they believe in.

Which is precisely why, on the larger issue, Labour was correct and far-sighted in deciding to publish the details of all donations over £5,000. It seems almost inconceivable that Sir Patrick will not, at the very least, impose a similar requirement on all parties. This would, once and for all, end the Tory party's historic secrecy on the issue. But it also bites on Labour itself because the party now receives more money from business than it has ever done before.

But if there is a single lesson from the Ecclestone affair it is that annual publication almost certainly isn't enough. First, rather than allow the parties to dribble out the list in the midst of much bigger news generated by their annual conferences, Sir Patrick should oblige all the main parties to make much more of a public issue of their funding by publishing the lists, perhaps on the same designated day, ensuring proper scrutiny and comparison. Second, he will have to examine whether the amounts, as well as the names of the donors, should be published.

Third, Sir Patrick, who on the basis of his first public showing looks admirably openminded and robust, should also consider some means of investigating a selection of government decisions each year in which party donors may have an interest. Let's say, for example, that the Government clearly decides to reverse John Gummer's previous policy of refusing planning permission for out-of-town shopping centres, and that Sainsbury's, with the strongest of commercial interests in promoting such a change of policy, continues to be an important Labour Party donor. Is there any reason why there shouldn't be an independent examination of the factors and reasoning behind the decision? After all, if, as ministers will certainly continue to maintain, they are quite blind to such influences, then such an examination will simply serve to back them up. The National Audit Office already has the right to call for papers on decisions in which it is interested. There is no reason why Sir Patrick's committee should not have the same rights in undertaking similar spot inquiries.

All these reforms might serve to make private sector funding of political parties more acceptable. But the case for public funding may prove much stronger. Personally, the Prime Minister has always been extremely wary of state funding, which is why he quietly dropped it as firm party policy in favour of referring the whole funding issue to Sir Patrick's committee. This was partly, perhaps, because he wanted to recreate Labour as a party with a lot of business funding, on the model of the Victorian Liberals; but more because he was understandably reluctant, at a time when politicians were held in low esteem, to try the patience of electors further by making them pay for political parties. But the Government is already considering a limit on election expenditure, which would contain the costs to the taxpayer. State funding is acceptable in much of Europe. There will be a considerable debate within the Government before it submits its evidence to Sir Patrick. But state funding is suddenly looking more likely than it did before last night's announcement.

## Want to save the opera? Here's a solution from the gods



#### **ANDREAS** WHITTAM **SMITH** SOLVES THE VENUE PUZZLE

The important aspects of the crisis in the London opera houses are like ill-fitting pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. In frustration, Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, knocked the board over last week and asked Sir Richard Eyre to find the solution - he is to conduct a rad-

As with the game, it doesn't matter which particular fact you scrutinise first. Let us start with the Royal Opera House itself, the building rather than the opera company. It is being reconstructed at a cost of £210m. of which lottery money covers £78m. The balance is to be supplied by rich, private donors. It can be safely assumed that they won't put up the money if the building is turned into a receiving house for both the Royal Opera (with the Royal Ballet) and the English National Opera, currently operating out of the Coliseum.

This is because the implicit bargain with the donors - by subscribing you become the respected members of an exclusive, cultural club - would be broken. They would no longer feel that they were part of the opera company itself. Mr Smith appears to have come to realise this by indicating over the weekend that perhaps the English National Opera could go to the new Sadler's Wells theatre, so that the Royal Opera could continue on its own.

Another way of breaking the bargain - without which the building work will never be finished - would be to put the Royal Opera into liquidation. As a result, any donors, such as Lord Sainsbury and Vivien Duffield, who have topped up their funding with loans, would find that they would never recover what they have lent rather than given. Such treatment would likewise discourage further private funding. Whether the Royal Opera fails as a going concern will be decided tomorrow when Lord Chadlington, the chairman, presents his new plans to the Arts Council. The temptation to force the company into liquidation should be resisted.

It is because the management has been so spectacular-



incompetent that a widespread desire to punish the board with bankruptcy exists. But the awkward fact to examine, exemplified in the person of Sir Jeremy Isaacs, who had a lengthy stint as general director until earlier this year, is that managerial ineptness has been combined with artistic excellence. By common consent, the recent work of the company has been as good as any done in the past 30 years and well up in the world league.

Sir Richard needs to propose, therefore, a new management structure for the companies that secures strong commercial ability as well as artistic flair and which does away with cronyism in the ardroom. In turn this means that so long as the companies are in receipt of public funds, appointments should require approval by the Arts Council or a government minister. Let us next turn to the piece

in the jigsaw puzzle marked "ballet" and at the same time pick up a second awkward shape - the Coliseum building. There is no logical reason why the Royal Ballet should be voked with an opera company. Such pairing is relatively rare around the world. I suspect the Royal Ballet has always been treated as the junior partner and suffered as a result. As for the Coliseum, for some time the English National Opera has wanted to leave because the building has poor facilities backstage and is very dilapidated. There is a lot to be said.

therefore, for the Secretary of State's suggestion that the Coliseum should become a dance

house, providing a home for an independent Royal Ballet, the English National Ballet and visiting companies. In the new circumstances, the Royal Ballet could apply to the National Lottery for funds to renovate the Coliseum. In turn the English National Opera would move into the new Sadler's Wells theatre, where it could retain its integrity as an independent company, with its own supporters and traditions.

As a result of these moves, rather than the present situation, in which two opera companies and a ballet company operate from two theatres, the have a permanent venue. In particular, following the departure of the Royal Ballet, the Royal Opera would have extra nights at its disposal each week. Would such extra capacity help bring these expensive arts to ordinary people at affordable prices? There are two parts of this problem - the cost of seats and touring outside London.

High prices are mainly a feature of the Royal Opera; the Royal Ballet is cheaper and so is the English National Opera. A bold solution would be ruthlessly to employ the mechanism of the marketplace. The Royal Opera, on one of the evenings each week formally used by the Royal Ballet, could charge seat prices equivalent to what might be paid at the theatre or even at the cinema. It would revert to its much more

expensive "normal" tariff during the rest of the week. Rich and poor opera fans alike would attempt to book for the "cheap" night, which would be quickly sold out.

customers, the rich, together with corporations who take guests to the opera as a form of high-class entertainment, would then apply for expensive seats during the rest of the week; while those of modest means would wait to try again for the next cheap night a week later. Perhaps there would have

to be a ballot.

This is probably as far as Sir Richard could go in completing the jigsaw puzzle. The Secretary of State will have to do the rest and start with the al Opera House, all with question of touring. It is colossally expensive for the nathree companies would each tional opera and ballet employ international stars and companies to go round the it changes its limited repertoire country with their huge orchestras and elaborate sets. Nor would international stars necessarily sing or dance outside London. Mr Smith should accept this and try instead to strengthen our excellent regional opera companies.

There remains the most difficult problem of all - government subsidy at its present reduced level and box office receipts do not together provide sufficient funds to enable high quality performance to be

Of the many disappointed that the Royal Opera House may have to be privatised - in other words stop getting any state help at all, so that additional subsidy could be made available to the other national companies.

Examples are given, such as the summer seasons of opera at Glyndebourne, which are financed entirely from ticket sales and private donations, or the Metropolitan Opera in New York, which achieves higher standards, bigger audiences and lower prices than the Royminute public subsidy.

But Glyndebourne does not cautiously. And in the United States all the arts benefit from the fact that donors earn tax relief on their gifts. The Met itself has the extra strength that the rich in New York, compared with London, are more numerous and even more wealthy. It would thus be an enormous gamble to reduce gradually to zero the £15m annual subsidy that the Royal Opera House currently receives and rely upon private finance to make up the difference and more. But this

## If a beard was good enough for Jesus, why not New Labour?



**NICHOLAS SCHOON DEFENDS** FACIAL HAIR

As a weirdy beardy of 22 years how corporate image-makers standing, I've never felt the need to write a word about this condition - until Today. It was a mini-debate on BBC Radio 4's flagship news programme yesterday morning that brought a red mist down in front of my

Here's the background. Over the past year, there has been a trickle of tongue-incheek newspaper stories and diary items about Labour's style counsellors putting pressure on hairy-faced frontbenchers, and now ministers, to shave. Then Chief Secretary to the Treasury Alistair Darling went and did the deed, totally erasing his already closecropped pepper-and-salt effort. (Three beards remain in Cabinet, however, and there are several others among the ranks of more junior ministers).

Cue further press coverage, followed by the decision by Today to devote airtime to the issue. Bearded backbencher Paddy Tipping gave a splendid, heart-warming defence of facial hair, and I was moved by his talk of it bringing him comfort and confidence. Then the egregiously smooth Peter York gave a chillingly credible account of

and now, it is alleged, political ones - have set their faces against the beard. Research had shown that Joe and Joanпа Public think beard-wearers "strange, divergent, unreliable". They are "individualists, not team players". They are not wanted "front of house".

But what really made me bristle was when Sue Mac-Gregor, audio-icon of common sense and sweet reason, interjected: "And you can't see people's mouths." How could she say that? Of course you can see their mouths, unless they are sporting a ridiculously unkempt and overgrown beard of the kind that gives all us beardies a bad name.

I've never experienced any direct anti-beard prejudice myself - or at least. I've never been able to detect it. But I have become aware that it's out there, ugly, unkind, invincible, like any other unjustified prejudice. You read or hear the odd item which makes you realise some people, quite a lot of people, not only lump all of us beardies together but go on to hold

something against us. Case 1. A Peak District

appointing a new warden. The only applicant without a beard gets the job, and one of the councillors on the committee actually tells him afterwards that that is why he succeeded.

Case 2. I ring MORI to ask if it knows of any polling research that reveals people's distrust of or uneasiness with the bearded. The researcher I speak to says she will try to find out, but adds that she would not be surprised if such was the Weird, isn't it. How can we

be considered collectively, when we are all individuals. And how can anyone form a view about, say, our reliability based on something as superficial as facial fur. It provides me with the tiniest hint of what it might be like to be black or gay, always useful for a white middle-class liberal. And it gives me an excuse for all those job interviews I've failed over the years. Just blame it on bosses whose minds were as small as their chins were

My father is a long-term beardie and I began growing my own the day I left school. Back then it was about the only National Park committee is thing we had in common, but

the beard was the beginning of a crucial and complete reconciliation. It was a struggling, straggly affair at first; but as the hair on top of my head began its retreat, it thickened up and became excitingly piebald. I've removed it only a couple of times over the years, been horrified by my appearance and immediately regrown it. The occasional trim and a shave around the periphery once a week is all the maintenance required.

Why have a beard? Give me one good reason why not. It seems highly likely that the reason men can grow them is that they served some purpose during our evolution. Ive not heard a completely convincing explanation for what this purpose might actually have been. and I accept that beards may have no real function in advanced industrial societies. But they don't seem to do any harm. So why waste time and energy, every day, scraping very sharp steel across your face (or getting a whirring little machine to do it for you)? It's not natural.

The most monstrous alleinherently unhygienic, trap- face.

ping extraneous matter and providing a refuge for other life forms, as described in Roald Dahl's The Twits. But if that is the case, then the hair on your head is unhygienic too. We get round that problem not by shaving our scalps but by washing our hair regularly, something we beardies are perfectly capable of applying to our chins. True, you don't push food through an orifice in the middle of your pate. But let me assure you that it really is quite easy to keep dinner out of your beard - you simply apply good table manners, and keep your moustache trimmed so that it does not become a soup strainer.

There have been times when facial hair has been far more popular than today (I hear it is pretty fashionable in parts of Afghanistan). I am confident that beards will come into mass fashion again. That said, I have no wish to be some kind of beard Messiah (but I note that Jesus, God and the prophets are all strangers to the razor). And I hold nothing, absolutely nothing, against people with hairless chins - as long as they keep gation of all is that beards are their daft prejudices out of my

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## Brown spells out plans to shadow the single currency

British business will be operating a shadow currency to the euro when EMU starts in 1999. Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday spelt out the extent to which the euro will become the common currency of business as the debate raged over monetary union. Michael Harrison reports from the Confederation of British Industry annual conference in Birmingham.

Mr Brown yesterday announced a sweeping package of measures designed to prepare businesses for monetary union in 1999 including allowing them to convert shares to euros and pay taxes in the new currency.

The moves will be seen by Euro-scep-tics as further evidence of how Britain will shadow the single currency to the point of de facto adoption, while remaining outside the first wave of member states.

The measures are the clearest indication yet of the Blair administration's belief in the merits of EMU and its determination to ensure British business is not disadvantaged, even though the pound will not enter until 2002 at the earliest. The DTI is to consult business on the possibility of amending the Companies Act to make it easier for British firms to issue shares in euros and convert existing shares to euros. Companies will also be able to file accounts in euros and set up bank accounts in the currency.

Adair Turner, director general of the CBL said that adoption of the euro by business would have "a pervasive effect on public opinion". Provided it was a success then it would push opinion in favour of a single currency.

The Government also plans to give selected banks a "seal of approval" enabling customers to select ones that permit accounts to be operated in euros without punitive charges. Other legislative steps are also being examined, said Mr Brown, to make the euro easier for firms to use. The measures, he added, formed part of the Government's "prepare and then decide"

strategy on EMÜ. "In less than 14 months from now a German business selling products to France or the Netherlands will be able to do so without exchange rate risk, with lower transaction costs and with more transparent prices, something that in itself will pose a big challenge to a British competitor hoping to supply the same order," the Chancellor said.

That was why it so vital to begin preparations now for the single currency. These preparations, he added, were "too important to leave to dogma or internal party politics and too important to leave aside for years more of indecision and drift."

The advisory group of business leaders, trade unions and consumer groups set up to advise the Government on EMU preparations will report to Mr Brown in December and he will publish its findings in the New Year. There will then follow a series of conferences throughout the country to make businesses aware of the practical steps that need to be taken.

Meanwhile, the Treasury yesterday sent out information packs to Britain's top 1,000 firms detailing business preparations for the euro. "We have moved from talking about preparations to making them in practice," the Chancellor told his audience.

Separately, Wim Duisenberg, the Dutch president of the European Monetary Institute and one of the frontrunners to chair the European Central Bank, indicated that Britain would not necessarily have to reioin the Exchange Rate Mechanism as a precursor to entering the single currency. He said there were other ways of demonstrating stability and said it remained essential that UK economic policies were aimed at further convergence.

William Hague, the Tory leader, entered the conference prepared for a "bare-knuckle fight" with the CBI over his party's opposition to the single currency and walked out with the loudest and longest ovation of all. On a day when economic and monetary union totally dominated debate, everyone from the Spice Girls to Ted Heath got a mention as the arguments over

Europe swung one way and then another. Employing some of the most uncompromising language heard at a CBI conference since Sir Terence Beckett's famous challenge to Mrs Thatcher in 1980, Mr Hague painted an image of financial and social ruin if Britain were to enter EMU.

A single currency, he warned, could mean employees having to accept cuts in wages for the first time since the Great Depression as vicious unemployment blackspots sprang up across the continent. His party, he said, had paid the political price for Britain's humiliating exit from the Exchange Rate Mechanism on Black Wednesday and had apologised to the millions of people who had lost their jobs, their homes and their businesses. "I have apologised for

sures will be seen by Euro-sceptics as de facto UK adoption of EMU outside the first wave of member states

the ERM. I never want to apologise again for following the dictates of fashion."

Mr Hagne went on to dismiss the arguments of the pro-European lobby that Britain could not afford to be out of a single currency if the rest of Europe went ahead. "The danger for Britain is not that we will somehow be left behind in Europe. The real danger for us is that Europe could be left behind in the rest of the world."

The Tory leader conjured up an image of the straitjacket of a single currency binding Britain into a world of uncompetitive, lexible, bureaucratic labour markets, outpriced and outperformed by the rest of the world and incapable of adjusting interest rates to accommodate domestic econom-

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#### BLAIR GAINS QUALIFIED CBI APPROVAL

Britain's business leaders yesterday passed judgement on Tony Blair and declared themselves satisfied with Labour's performance since it swept to power. In his opening address to the CBI's conference, Sir Colin Marshall, president, said: "We are now in the seventh month of the Labour administration and our considered opinion, both individually as business people and collectively as the CBI must be: so far, so good."

Sir Colin said the business community had been pleased and surprised at the genuine partnership that was developing

Rolls owners keen to join BMW bid

with Government. But he denied that the CBI was supporting one political party and lashed out at critics led by Sir Stanley Kalms, Dixon's chairman, who claim it is no longer representative of the broad sweep of businesses. Sir Colin said the CBI had welcomed the Government's decision to give independence to the Bank of England in setting interest rates and its commitment to a business-friendly enterprise economy. But he highlighted areas where business was unhappy such as the national minimum wage.

- Michael Harrison

## Run on Hong Kong STOCK MARKETS bank fuels global market jitters

The week started badly for Asia's financial markets, with Hong Kong's three main banks forced to respond to a run on deposits. Although the contagion did not rage across the globe yesterday, investors in London and New York have become more fearful about catching 'Asian flu'. Diane Coyle in London and Stephen Vines in Hong Kong take the temperature of the global markets.

Hong Kong yesterday saw the first sign of public panic over the financial crisis when depositors besieged the International Bank of Asia (IBA) to withdraw money following rumours that it was in difficulty. The territory's three main banks, the Hongkong Bank, the Bank of China and Standard Chartered Bank, responded with a highly unusual joint statement condemning "unfounded market rumours circulating about the

health of certain smaller banks". The statement acknowledged that Asia's currency and equity turmoil was having an effect on Hong Kong but insisted its economic fundamentals were strong. "Hong Kong's banking system is robust," it said.

Yet investors across the globe have grown more concerned about the turmoil in Asian financial markets.

Shares in London and New York made small gains yesterday, in edgy trading ahead of a holiday today in many markets and the Federal Reserve's key interest rate meeting tomorrow. The FTSE 100 index ended 43 points higher at 4,806.8. But analysts have grown more concerned about the continuing crisis.

Stephen Hannah, head of research for Japanese bank IBJ in London, said: "There is a vicious circle. The Southeast Asian crisis continues to

broaden and deepen." Concern about the Japanese economy, exposed to south-east Asia through bank lending as well as trade, has increased correspondingly. Gerard Lyons at DKB said that although the big Japanese banks were responding vigorously to their problems, the economy was in difficulty.

The Fed is not expected to raise US interest rates this week because of the fragility of the world's financial markets. But Alison Cottrell at Paine Webber said this meant fears about inflation pressures on both sides of the Atlantic would increasingly trouble investors.

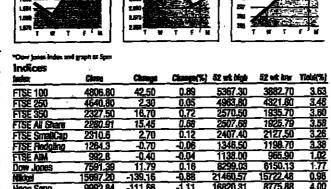
"People have been talking about the Goldilocks economy - neither too hot nor too cold with inflation tame so far. Now we are being reminded that Goldilocks is just a fairy story," she said. UK figures yesterday

showed that inflation pressures in manufacturing are negligible. Prices charged at the factory gate rose 0.1 per cent last month, edging the annual rate down to 1.2 per cent. Manufacturers' input costs fell by 0.2 per cent during the month.

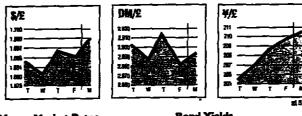
But the Bank of England's Inflation Report tomorrow is expected to warn there are still risks of higher inflation, pointing to the price pressures in the other four-fifths of the economy.

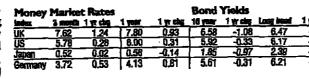
A survey from the British Retail Consortium yesterday underlined this concern, showing high street spending rebounded last month to the levels seen in the early summer, following a sharp dip in September.

In the circumstances yesterday's fall in the Hang Seng index could be regarded as modest. It fell 111.66, or just over 1 per cent. But it closed at 9,999.84, passing the psychological prop of the 10,000 mark.



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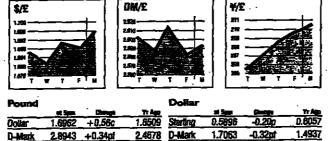




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disclosed yesterday that he had been approached by a dozen wealthy Rolls-Royce owners keen to join the German group if it bids to buy the luxury car maker from Vickers. Michael Harrison examines the latest manoeuvrings.

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Mr Hague said that EMU supporters

Bernd Pischetsrieder, chairman of the German car maker, said it would make sense to bring Rolls and Bentley into its stable of models alongside Rover. He said that if BMW did succeed in taking control of Rolls then the cars would contime to be built in Britain and

the marque would retain its separate identity.

BMW, he added, had been approached by a number of Rolls owners asking to be associated with any bid it might make. Mr Pischetsrieder ruled out bidding for Rolls' parent company, Vickers, other interests of which include Challenger tanks, the Cosworth engineering business and

propulsion systems. He also refuted reports that it was supporting Mayflower, the automotive engineering group which is expected to launch a £1bn bid for Vickers in the next few days. "We have nothing to do with their bid. I have not had any discussions with them at all," he said at the CBI conference in Birmingham.

"I have no interest in Vickers as a company. We are partners in terms of contracts. BMW has close links with

Rolls since it is supplying the new 12-cylinder engine that will power its next generation of luxury cars. But Mr Pischetsrieder said he was not interested in the Formula One engine manufacturer, Cosworth. Its engine had broken down in 28 out of 32 Grand Prix and in any case BMW was developing its own Formula One engine.

Apart from BMW and Mayflower at least four other car makers are thought to be contemplating bids for Rolls, which some analysts believe could fetch up to £600m. These are Daimler Benz, which has retained the US bank J P Mor-

gan to provide advice, Ford and Chrysler of the US and Fiat of Italy, which owns Ferarri.

Although BMW has retained HSBC Investment Bank to advise it, Mr Pischetsrieder said the bidding process for Rolls had not yet started in earnest. He also indicated that BMW may yet not bid because of its other commitments. The heavily debt-financed

Mayflower bid could come as early as today, although some City observers expect it to wait until later in the week. Mayflower will take on about £650m in borrowings to fund the takeover attempt. Vickers' chairman, Sìr Colin Chandler, yesterday issued a Stock Exchange statement urging Mayflower to clarify its intentions.

## Funds find buying opportunities

Undaunted by the recent volatility in stock markets around the world, British fund managers are using the corrections on both sides of the Atlantic to build up their exposure to UK and US equities. Tom Stevenson, financial editor, reports on this and other findings from the latest Merrill Lynch Gallup survey of investors' intentions.

Institutional investors have turned strong buyers of UK eq-uities, believing the 11 per cent fall in the FTSE 100 index from its peak in early October represents a good buying opportunity. The percentage of ryers minus sellers in last week's survey of 71 institutions was positive for only the second time this year.

The results of the survey show investors, with funds under management of over

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£1,100bm, are unfazed by the recent gyrations in world markets. They still believe UK shares are not overvalued by comparison with both other equity markets and bonds, although the poll was taken before last week's in-

terest rate rise. British investors were just as enthusiastic about US equities. Despite having been net sellers of American shares for most of the past two years, during which the Dow Jones index has soared, UK funds have been buying the US market for two

According to Trevor Greetham, global strategist at Merrill Lynch, institutions are being driven into UK shares by historically high cash weightings and by the perception that falling base rates will boost gilts, in turn underpinning equity prices.

He said the average British investing institution had 6 per cent of its portfolio in cash. around twice the level at the beginning of 1994. Managers planning to put money into the markets outnumbered those planning to raise cash by 18 per



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OUTLOOK ON WHY BT LOOKS LIKE A BID TARGET ITSELF AND THE HIGH STREET BANKS' FAILURE TO SERVE THEIR CUSTOMERS

## A sad day for Britain's international ambitions

A lucky escape for BT or a profound setback for Britain's global ambitions? The answer depends very much on where you are coming from. In the short to medium term at least, this looks like a near perfect solution for BT's shareholders - a thoroughly satisfactory outcome to the great MCI adventure. BT emerges with clean break, a cash exit, a big profit on its original investment, a handy \$465m breakup fee and with a balance sheet overflowing with possibilities for share buybacks and special dividends.

Having been forced yet again to abandon its US ambitions, BT now looks to be a chronically overcapitalised company. BT executives are keen to stress that the pursuit of an aggressive international strategy - which presumably means acquisitions - remains a priority, but even so, there is going to be a lot left over and shareholders can happily contemplate very considerable capital repayments.

Better still from a City perspective, the affair may perversely have turned BT from hunter into hunted. This is the second big setback for BT in the US in five years. Its first attempt to expand there through the acquisition of the mobile phones company. McCaw, was thwarted by a combination of regulators and AT&T. This second setback looks uncannily like a question of the US conspiring one way or another, consciously or unconsciously, to keep the foreigner out as a major league player in its domestic telephones market. If telecommunications is becoming a bid or be bid for business, BT may just have found itself relegated to the second category.

BT has made itself naked in more senses than one. During the course of the regulatory exchanges over MCI, the British government was persuaded to abandon its special share in BT, which if it remains as overcapitalised as it presently is, becomes a potentially attractive target. With the special, protective share now gone, there's nothing to stop the likes of AT&T bidding.

While this would still seem a rather unlikely end game, it is none the less possible to see a bid premium developing in the BT share price. More good news for shareholders, then. From a short-term shareholder value perspective, it is usually better to be the object of someone else's strategy than to have one yourself. What of the longer-term outlook though? BT still has plenty to go for in Europe and the Far East, but deprived of a significant position in the world's largest telecoms market, is it may now find itself back there in the second league of telcos. That's the big danger and that is also why BT must strive for a worthwhile working relationship with MCI's new master, WorldCom.

There was always something a little bit intangible about the rationale for the MCI takeover. It was partly about the importance of size in the rapidly changing global market place for telecommunications, partly about the marrying of MCI's entrepreneurial culture with that of BT's more defensive, public telco culture and the opportunity value that might create in deregulating European markets. And it was partly about tapping into the fast business telecommunications. Unfortu-

nately, it could always be argued that the two rival suitors for MCI, WorldCom and GTE, were more compatible and logical partners. It's a shame none the less. For a time there, it looked as if Britain was in with a real chance getting itself up there with the world leaders. That chance may now have gone for good.

#### Banking on merger plans

Was there a takeover approach by Barclays to Legal and General? David Prosser, chief executive of L&G, was quoted in the weekend press as saying he didn't believe in mergers and that any approach would be rebuffed. His remark was a general one, intended to convey the company's determination to remain independent. So he was somewhat surprised to see it linked with the name of Barclays. He hadn't intended it that way. As is often the case in the press, he seems to have been taken out of context. So did it happen? Did Barclays approach him? Probably not, seems to be the answer, though it is easy to see why the stock market might think it true. The idea is eminently plausible.

Having decided to throw in the towel on investment banking, Barclays is under pressure to come up with an alternative strategy for taking the company forward. The idea of using the bank's established channels of distribution to sell other financial services, such as insurance, endowments and pensions; is hardly a novel one. Bancassurance has been around for

many years now. But it is only relatively recently that corporate financiers have started to think in terms of the creating giant retail financial services conglomerates out of the merger of high street banks with life and insurance companies.

National Westminster Bank got quite a long way down the aisle with the Prudential before deciding to call it off, and a few years ago. Halifax bought Clerical Medical. It is therefore entirely possible that Barclays is thinking in the same terms - a takeover of L&G, or possibly Norwich Union, with which it already has links. Would such a union make sense? A case can certainly be made for it. There would be little scope for cost cutting, unlike any consolidating merger within these separate industries, but there are obvious advantages to be had from funnelling the insurance company's products through the bank's customer base.

Moreover, as the borders between traditional forms of retail lending, account holding and other forms of saving become more and more blurred, there is obviously something to be said for the one-stop shop, the company that can offer all these services.

But do high street banks need to merge with insurance companies to create that opportunity? Royal Bank of Scotland has developed a highly successful relationship with Scottish Widows which delivers benefit to both companies, probably on a par with anything that could be derived from a full scale merger, but without having to go through that process.

It is no accident that Royal Bank of Scotland is considerably more innovative

CWC exceeds expectations as pre-tax profits double

in the banking market than most of its English peers, despite its comparatively small size. It was one of the first to introduce telephone banking and now has more of its customer base using this service than any other bank. It was also the first to introduce a fully fledged Internet bank and has forged some very promising banking links with Tesco's and Virgin Direct.

In part, Royal Bank is able to do this because it is comparatively small, with just 2 per cent of the UK banking market. For larger banks to go wholeheartedly into these new forms of low-cost banking would mean cannibalising their existing markets on a scale that would do irreparable damage to margins and profits. For Royal it is not the same. For every one customer it cannibalises from its existing customer base. it gains 50 others from rival banks.

The big clearers are highly vulnerable to these new forms of banking and are naturally, given the constraints of their existing cost bases and market shares, worried sick by them. It is against this backdrop that the pressure for mergers, both within the banking and insurance sectors and between these sectors, ought to be seen. All these plans are essentially protective and defensive in nature. If these companies were serving their customers properly with state of the art low-cost banking and insurance products, grand strategies like these, dreamt up in the City for the benefit of the City, wouldn't even be getting on to the chief executive's desk, let alone be coming close to execution. The fact that they are serves only the underline the failings of these ancient behemoths.

## BT agrees to sell MCI stake for \$7.5bn after WorldCom raises offer

BT yesterday agreed to sell its interests in MCI, the US telecoms giant, for \$7.5bn after upstart WorldCom raised its

offer for MCI to a knockout \$37bn. However the agreed offer, the largest takeover bid ever, leaves BT with a hole to fill in its aim to become a giobal telecoms player. Sameena Ahmad reports.

WorldCom yesterday secured the agreement of BT to sell its stake after the fast-growing US company raised its original offer for MCI, the US's third largest long-distance telecoms carrier, by 23 per cent to \$37bn

in stocks and cash, topping a competing \$28bn bid made by GTE, the US telecoms giant.

The new company, to be called MCIWorldCom, will have combined sales of more than \$30bn a year. Under the terms of the MCI and World-Com deal, BT receives \$7bn or \$51 a share in cash for its 20 per cent stake in MCI, plus a \$465m break up fee negotiated as part of BT's original merger agreement with MCI.

The deal represents a pretax gain of \$2.25bn on BT's original investment in MCL Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive said: "I think you could say that we have used our rights pretty well." He said the joint venture with MCI on Concert, the telecoms services company 75 per cent owned by BT would continue.

BT has negotiated a non-exclusive contract between WorldCom and Concert for five years. BT has a call option on MCI's stake in Concert.

Sir Peter said: "MCI has been valuable to us. We've made a lot of money out of it. We weren't prepared to get into a bidding battle at these levels. WorldCom is convinced that it can get the synergies and so can pay this sort of very high premium." BT's shares closed 11p firmer at 465p, but had risen to 475p at one stage yesterday.

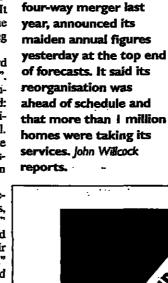
Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, answered criticisms that its failure to buy MCI itself left it with the need to find a US partner to pursue a global strategy: "We have been unable to talk to other companies under the agreement with MCI. However a lot of companies

have come to us and now we are released from the restrictions we can talk back. It wouldn't be too far out of the question to say we are thinking of US partners."

Sir lain said BT had heard from "all the usual suspects". Asked about particular potential joint ventures, he said: "The whole of the communications industry is in turmoil. There are big changes. Yes, we have obviously been in discussions with GTE and we remain reports. good friends with GTE. "We couldn't reach agree-

ment with Cable & Wireless

but we parted as good friends." Asked about what BT would do with the \$7.5bn raised. Sir Lain said: "It is too early to say." However he added: "We would not rule out share buybacks or special dividends."



Cable & Wireless

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giant UK telecoms and

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Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC), Britain's biggest cable telephone and TV group, announced that its pre-tax pre-exceptional profit more than doubled to £65m in the six months to September, and would comfortably meet its cost-cutting target of £100m a year. Analysts had been expecting profits between £50m-£65m. excluding a £200m exceptional charge for redundancies and writedowns. The company's. shares rose 5p to 233p.

Graham Wallace, CWC's chief executive, said: "Despite the demands of the reorgani-

sation following the merger, we have increased revenue, profits and the number of customers. while introducing new products and improving customer

CWC was formed when Cable & Wireless, its majority owner, merged its Mercury subsidiary with the UK cable operations of North American groups Nynex CableComms, Bell Cablemedia and Videotron.

CWC's revenues in October had continued to grow at the same rate as they did in the first six months of the year, Mr Wallace said. First-half revenues and audio quality.

rose12 per cent to £1.1 bn, compared to pro-forma figures for last year. Meanwhile, the number of homes subscribing to CWC's phone and TV services grew by 40 per cent to more than 1 million in the past 12 months. Mr Wallace said he expected about 100,000 of those households to upgrade to digital television services in the first year after their launch.

CWC and BSkyB agreed last week to coordinate the launch next spring of their digital services, which promise more channels and better video

## Labour's guru gives warning on jobs market inequality

One of New Labour's most influential gurus is in London to spread the message that flexibility in the jobs market is not enough. Robert Reich, the former US Labor Secretary, tells Diane Coyle that governments also have to spend money and expand the economy to combat inequality and exclusion.

There are few people who manage to win respect for their intellectual abilities, political engagement and sheer likeability. Robert Reich, Secretary of Labor in the first Clinton adninistration is one of these rare catures. Perhaps it is not so surprising, then, that he did not last all that long in the bear-pit of Washington and has returned to the academic world as a professor of economics.

Even so, his analysis of the world of work, set out in his 1991 book The Work of Nations, has had a lasting influence on economic policy in the US and now in New Labour Britain. Professor Reich is not entirely content about this, however. In the US at least, he reckons, his policy message has been watered down, with the Administration basking in the sheer success of the American economy in the past few years.

Speaking to The Independent yesterday, he said: "When the current expansion ends and the tide goes out again, the underlying structural problems will be revealed. We should be using this time of prosperity to tackle them."

The Reich analysis starts with the observation that demand for labour in developed economies has shifted hugely in favour of people with a high level of skills and education, leaving a surplus of those with too little education or those who happen to live in the places where there are no new jobs. The result is that inequality has widened and living standards for many have fallen behind.

"The Anglo-Saxon model is working exceedingly well for creating jobs," he says. "It is a far less successful story in terms of wages, insecurity and inequality.

Some parts of his prescription for tackling the insecurity and unfairness have become familiar and even uncontroversial. For example, he puts heavy emphasis on the importance of education and of reskilling the workforce, and on what have come to be known as "active" labour market policies, commonsense measures like having the employment service make sure the unemployed know when a job that might suit them is avail-

Other parts of Professor Reich's solution are also New Labour orthodoxy. He emphasises that jobs must pay enough to ensure that anybody who is working is not living in poverty. This means introducing a minimum wage and top-up tax reliefs or benefit payments to boost the income of those on low pay. Britain should be in this position within a couple of

But his policy recommendations in their entirety are more



Robert Reich, President Clinton's former Labor Secretary, wants the flexibility of capitalism without the cruelties

radical than politicians either side of the Atlantic are prepared to accept in full. As he admits: "I'm not sure the argument bas

As Europe prepares for the Jobs Summit in Luxembourg next week, "The question is how do you gain the flexibility of American capitalism without the cruelties," says Professor

The answer he gives says there are three keys. One is flexibility of in the jobs market and markets for products, to allow business to operate efficiently and generate jobs. A second is agility or employability of the workforce, requiring much better education and also additional infrastructure - for example, adequate public transport to get people to where the jobs are. A third is expansionary fiscal and monetary

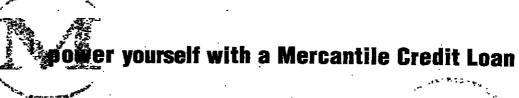
Number one is gospel in

political circles. Number two is widely accepted but not if it costs a lot of money. Number three is probably the most controversial. "It is far from clear that our economies are growing too fast," Professor Reich says. "Perhaps central bankers ought to wait until there are real signs of accelerating inflation."

He emphasises that he is not a believer in the so-called "new paradigm", the ultra-optimism about the US economy's potential growth as a result of advances in technology and productivity. But he insists that financial orthodoxy must not be allowed to prevent governments making the necessary investments in education and the structure of the economy.

It sounds suspiciously Old Labour. However, Professor Reich bas nothing but enthusiasm for the new Government's policies. "The country seems almost reawakened," he says.

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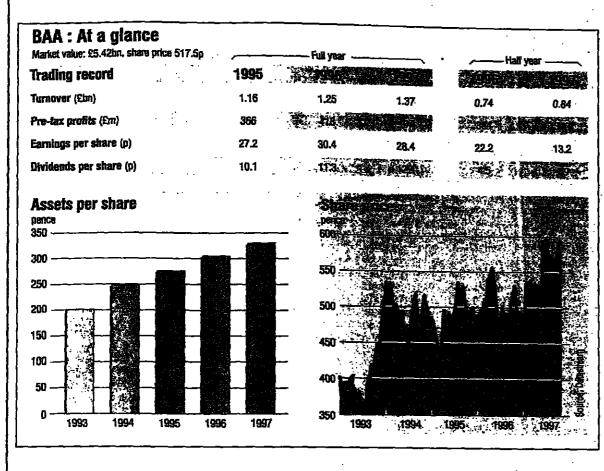
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#### Increase in traffic period, with the growth coming from lifts BAA

Half-year figures from BAA, the sales after they are phased out in Euairports operator, were hit by a welter rope, BAA recently acquired Duty Free of one-off distortions that made the International for £423m. Although interim profits look a lot worse than they the deal increased the risk profile of really were. Stripping out the impact of what is to all intents and purposes a the windfall tax, and ignoring decisions utility-type stock, Sir John Egan, chief to rephase airport charges from the first executive, believes it will be earnings to second half years and to stop capitalising interest on the Heathrow Rail link, pre-tax profits would have been al-cently, combining the disadvantages of most 10 per cent better.

tually only 2 per cent higher, lower than uncertain regulatory environment. It analysts' forecasts, and the reason for is little wonder that the shares have yesterday's 16p fall in BAA's share price done little over the past four years. to 518p. Declared earnings per share of 13.2p were well down on last year's of around £480m and £520m for next 21.5p, but once again stripping out the year, the shares trade on a prospective unusual elements implied a much p/e ratio of 14. They have fallen a long healthier 12 per cent rise, underpinning

The underlying picture at BAA con- couple of years, that is about fair. tinues to be sound. The company is driven by traffic numbers, which remain on a relentless upward track. Passen-Sidlaw puts the ger numbers at Heathrow increased by 4.5 per cent in the half year while at pain behind it portance, numbers rose by 12 per cent.

Traffic is expected to grow by 7 per The metamorphosis of Sidlaw, the cent for the year, although the full ben-newly refocused packaging group, is now efit of that growth will be restricted by complete. And not before time, the coma strict new regulatory regime which pany's long-suffering investors might say limits traffic charge increases to RPI - - as high as 352p in 1994, the shares have 3 per cent. In effect that income must been in decline ever since, losing remain static while other costs, such as around two-thirds of their value. the price of staff which increased by 12 per cent in the period, push higher.

amount BAA can persuade its captive trying its hand at being a mini-conshopping audience to spend in its retail glomerate. After a string of disastrous outlets. Underlying income from that figures, the company finally aban-

outside the duty and tax-free sectors where the strength of sterling limited the increase. In order to keep pushing this higher, and benefiting from tax-free

enhancing within three years. BAA has suffered on two fronts rebeing a pretty dull, low-growth com-Reported profits of £310m were ac- pany with the added disincentive of an

On the basis of full-year forecasts way since the summer, but compared the 9 per cent dividend increase to 4.9p. with single-digit growth over the next

Sidlaw, which started life as a Scottish jute company, disposed of its tex-The other profits driver is the tile divisions in the early 1990s before source grew by 8.3 per cent during the doned its oil services interests, ousted

chief executive Digby Morrow and lashed itself to the mast of the the packaging industry.

So was all the pain worth it? Well, the first indicators certainly aren't bad. Sidlaw's figures for the year to September, released yesterday, showed a 221 per cent increase in operating profit for the core packaging business. This jump in profitability came not from increased prices - the packaging sector is highly competitive - but rather from efficiency gains. Just under half the growth in operating profit from £1.4m to £4.5m was attributable to cost-cutting.

But generating growth from a tiny base, though landable, is relatively simple. Now that most of the "fat-trimming" is done, the real challenge facing Sidlaw is to build volume and margins and maintain the improvement.

There are a number of reasons why Sidlaw looks well-placed to build on recent successes. First, product positioning. After years of trying to be a Jack-of-all-trades, the company has decided to build on its established position in the high end of flexible packaging. Its client list, which includes Mars, KP and Procter & Gamble, is impressive. It hopes to build on these blue-chip client relationships in the coming year.

in both staff and equipment. Sidlaw has embarked on an extensive capital expenditure programme and also ploughs around £2m a year into product de-

Finally, the balance sheet is healthy. It has minimal gearing and is sitting on around £8m earned from its recent oil disposals. So the company can afford its investment efforts, and looks well placed to make a strategic acquisition or two.

ings per share rise from 1.6p to 6.1p, held no surprises for the City, and the shares

Tilney's forecast of pre-tax profits of £6.1m this year puts the shares on a forward p/e of around 13. Given the strong growth prospects, this looks good value.

#### Filofax keeps up the fight

Hanging over Filofax, a household name in paper-based personal organisers, has been the lingering suspicion that it must eventually be overwhelmed by the electronic age.

Who needs a tatty, paper-stuffed folder when you could have a sleek machine like a Psion, which does everything except make the tea? That fear, coupled with a profits warning in July last year, has taken the group's share price from a 275p high last year. However yesterday's decent half-year results, which nudged Filofax's shares up 2p to 125p, show people are still hooked on paper.

Part of the reason is price. An electronic palm-top can cost upwards of £200 - the new Psion Series 5 costs nearer £500. A Filofax organiser costs £40 on average. Yes, the inserts are expensive, but bought in dribs and drabs, customers at least feel they are spending less. With all the whizzy features, customers see palin-tops as an alternative to personal computers, not paper organisers. Flexibility is another attraction. Taking notes, slotting in receipts and business cards - all this is

paper-based. Though the enduring nature of paper is comforting, Filofax faces growing competition from huxury goods brands like Dunhill and Chanel, However Filofax has agreements to supply groups like Mont Blanc with the stuffing for their folders.

Competing for this business makes sense. Filofax makes margins of around 80 per cent on inserts compared with some 50 per cent on covers. Filofax is rightly focusing on higher-value products, where it can grow margin. New "acid-house" colours, smaller organisers and new textures helped push up profits in the half year to September by 31 per cent to £2.7m in constant currency on sales just 3 per cent ahead to £21.5m.

With over 70 per cent of Filofax's organisers sold outside the UK, the strong pound wiped £0.5m off headline profits and £1.3m from sales. However, markets like Scandinavia and Germany are growing underlying sales in high from the US, the group's biggest market, as customers delayed buying until later in the year.

So growth should pick up in the second half, with new markets like India and Latin America driving future sales. Filofax still needs to tidy up its non-organiser businesses - around 30 per cent of sales - particularly the ailing greeting cards business

On around £6.3m full-year profits, Yesterday's figures, which saw earn- Filofax's shares are trading on a low 8 times forward earnings. However, until the results are known of crucial Christclosed up 0.5p at 112p. Charterhouse mas sales, investors should just hold.

## BTR buyout company aims to float within three years

UniPoly, the company formed to buy out a clutch of polymer products businesses from BTR for £515m, is planning to float in the UK in the next three years. For BTR, the sale yesterday kick-started a radical disposal programme. Sameena Ahmad reports.

The management buyout, organised at break-neck speed, was led by a group of BTR executives including Laurie Cant. chief executive of its polymers business, and Legal & General General Ventures, with finance provided by Fuji Bank.

The sale of 33 businesses, including one which makes water beds for cows, operates in 15 countries and employs 5,500 people, is the first step in BTR's plan to reshape itself from an unwieldy conglomerate to focus on engineering.

In September the company said it planned to dispose of

businesses worth almost £3bn in sales and a third of its total assets, by the end of 1998. The remaining BTR businesses to be sold include its packaging materials division, which reported sales of £1.4bn last year.

Ian Strachan, BTR's chief executive, said: "This is an excellent start to our disposal programme. We have received a good price for a set of businesses that were only growing at 2 per cent a year and which we see little opportunity to

He added: "The cash proceeds will be used to drive forward growth in our core global engineering businesses and a significant proportion will be returned to shareholders in due course. Though the disposals had

been well flagged, the news lifted BTR's share price a further 1.25p to close at 201.75p. Shares in the company have underperformed the market by a third in the last five years.

UniPoly's Mr Cant joined BTR in 1983 after the company took over Thomas Tilling, a company then three times BTR's size. He said he had only started negotiating with Ian Strachan, BTR's chief, in late August when rumours of the disposal plans were starting to circulate: "The speed in which this deal was completed is unprecedented. The number of companies and countries in-

volved are huge."

Mr Cant said that the aim was to float Unipoly in the next three to five years: "These busipesses are all profitable and growing fast. We plan to continue that growth and our aim is a public listing." The businesses sold operate

in the UK, Continental Europe and Australia and have net assets of £180m, generating operating profits of £65m on £471m of sales last year.

The buyout is being paid for by £175m of equity funded by UniPoly's management, which controls 18 per cent, and Legal & General Ventures. In addition the funding included £50m of mezzanine financing and £395 of senior debt from Faji. Joining Mr Cant at Unipoly will be Ken Chave, finance director, also from BTR, and Ted Minick, a US lawyer, also on the executive board.

#### Ransomes agrees to £83m offer

Ransomes yesterday agreed to be taken over by Textron of the US for £83.2m, worth 60p a share. James Hardymon, chairman of Textron, said Ransomes provided his company with complementary products and strong European and US-based manufacturing and marketing capabilities for its golf and turf-care businesses.

"The combined group will contribute to Textron's growth objectives by leveraging our product technologies, manufacturing capacity, marketing and distribution networks and commercial financing capabilities."

**Explaining why Ransomes** had accepted the offer, its chairman, John Clement, said trading over the past 12 months tive and economic pressures faced by a business of its size and capital structure".

The offer represents a 107 per cent premium to Ransomes share price on 20 August, the last day before the company said it had received a bid approach. Ransomes' shares closed at 57.5p, up 7.5p yesterday.

Mr Clement added that the combination Ransomes' and Textron's resources "should result in a business that is well positioned to compete successfully world-wide."

#### Marylebone to develop Pall Mall hotel for Accor

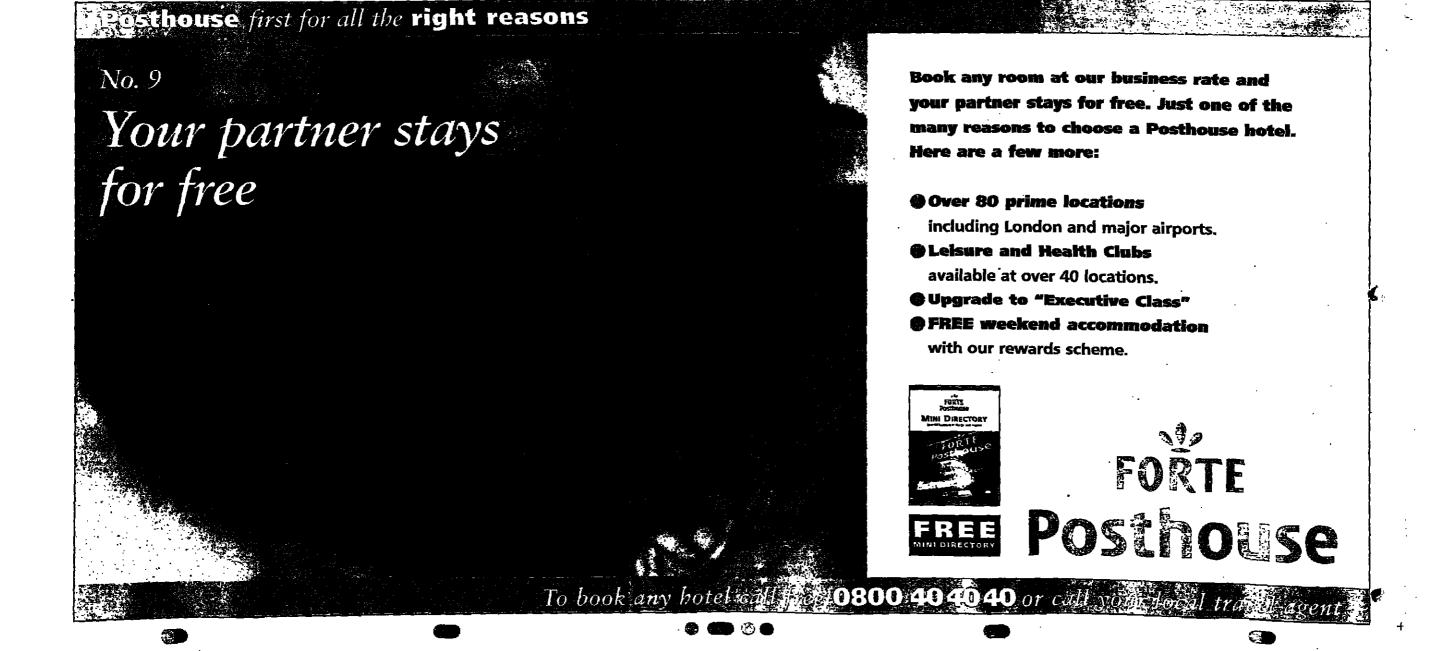
Marylebone Warwick Balfour Group has signed exclusivity agreements to convert a office building into a £50m, 200 bedroom luxury hotel on London's Pall Mall for Accor of France. Marylebone will acquire a long leasehold interest in the site on behalf of Accor and undertake a complete turnkey development and construction package for the hotel group. The UK company's role will include securing a change of use for the building and planning consent for the redevelopment into a four-star hotel. A planning application is expected to be submitted shortly and it is hoped work will get under way in summer 1998. The completed development will provide approximately 140,000 square feet of gross internal hotel accommodation on six floors through only a minimal extension to the existing framework of the building," Marylebone said.

#### **MEPC** acquires M4 site

MEPC has acquired the 26.31 hectare Iveco Ford Truck factory site on the M4 at Langley, near Slough in Berkshire, from The Ford Motor Company, for £43.5m. Iveco Ford, a joint venture between Fiat and Ford Motor, closed the site in March with the loss of 450 jobs. "Subject to obtaining planning permission, MEPC will develop a total of 18.21 hectares for commercial purposes and 8.1 hectares to the rear of the site will be disposed of for residential redevelopment," a spokesman aid. Gavin Davidson, director of MEPC UK, said: "It is a prominent site, close to the intersection of the M4/M25 and near to Heathrow Airport. It has already attracted interest from freight forwarding companies seeking to take advantage of the rare availability of a large parcel of land close to the airport."

#### Redland fights Lafarge bid

Redland said discussions with parties interested in its main assets were progressing, and added that the board was committed to deliver greater value than Lafarge's hostile £1.7bn, 320p per share, takeover offer. Only shareholders representing 0.71 per cent of Redland's equity have accepted the offer. Redland said the low level of acceptances demonstrated the "wholly inadequate" nature of Lafarge's offer. Bertrand Collomb, chairman and chief executive of Lafarge, said the level of acceptances was consistent with this stage of an offer.



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## Spotlight on BT as takeover talk keeps Footsie moving

MARKET REPORT



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Takeover speculation provided just enough interest to keep shares, if not very convincingly, on the up-road.

higher at 4,806.8 although volume remained subdued. More settled Far Eastern markets American dream of absorbing and the latest Merrill Lynch survey showing fund managers more confident about shares helped sentiment. But much-criticised US adventure and another round of stories about further financial consolidation which really gave the stock market something to

latch on to. BT easily the most actively traded share, was dialled 11p higher to 465p as the market drooled over the likely direction of the near \$7.5bn which is due to flow into its coffers.

part of its MCI involvement. Footsie ended 42.5 points Then, of course, it was blissbids which would destroy its power could prompt a rethink.

come a global force. it was the conclusion of BT's a new target - Cable & Wire- possible target for Barclays, less, which it once came close to taking over, emerged as the rities operations. market's favourite.

> hopes of creating what would then have been a £34bn group.

could also enjoy a BT dial-in. TSB, 8p firmer at 7747p.

The telecommunications network and has made no giant paid a 35p a share spe-cial dividend in September as control. In the past Whitehall has blocked such ambitions but a change of Government and fully unaware of the counter- BT's necessity to be a world

Legal & General, at one MCI as part of its bid to be- time up 20p, was another to attract attention. The insur-With its international as- ance group, to the surprise of pirations in tatters, BT needs some, suddenly emerged as a still struggling to sell its secu-

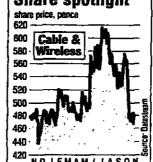
The big banks are known to C&W, weighed down lately be casting around. And an inby its Hong Kong connection, rose 15.5p to 481.5p. spired insurance deal would do much to restore Barclays' immuch to restore Barclays' im-Last year on-off merger talks age after its BZW fiasco. Norwith BT collapsed, ending wich Union, 4.5p stronger at 361.5p, remains the market's favourite for either Barclays, Securicor, up 10p at 283.5p, 30p up at 1.512p, or Lloyds

proach, rose 7p to 257.5p and Schroders continued to expe-made headway. Ionica had rience its order-driven trading another dismal session, findroller-coaster, gaining 74p to 1,700p. Abbey National improved 26.5p to 976p.

22p. The shares arrived in the summer at more than 400p.

Despite new reports of higher to 500p and Rank, on

Share spotlight share price, pence



ing yet a new low of 277.5p, off

Takeover action among the poor sales EMI spun 12p second-liners was again evident. Ransomes, the lawntalk of Hard Rock Cafe ex- mower group, improved 9.5p pansion, edged ahead 3p to to 57.5p on an £83.2m US bid and debt collector Intrum Justitia added 17.5p to 91p on the possibility of a manage-

ment buyout. Cairn Energy flared 23.5p to 452p after an encouraging Bangladesh progress report. The shares were 634.5p in

RioTinto, the resources helped along by Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull

recommendation, up 14p at

Havelock Europa, the shopfitter battered last week by a profits warning, firmed 1.5p to 153.5p as the ninestrong board waded into the market, buying 56,000 shares at 156p. The warning smashed

the shares 108p to 142p. American Port Services slipped 8.5p to 164p. The acquisitive transport group Jacobs has picked up nearly 2 million shares lifting its stake to 9.9 per cent. Jacobs' spree cost £3.2m.

SFL the old Surrey Free Inns, firmed 2p to 118.5p as stockbroker Henry Cooke Lumsden forecast a profits giant, hardened 14.5p to 765p, surge from £2.2m to £5m and then £6.5m.

Tele-Cine-Cell, a broadcasting group, fell 4.5p to

#### TAKING STOCK

Rage Software's nightmare should be over. Stockbroker Durlacher expects the video games group to move into profits this year, possibly hitting £1.3m. Last time the company suffered a £15.3m loss. Six directors purchased 2 miltion shares at 4.5p; the price rose 0.5p to 4.75p. Two years ago it was 25p.

The pace at Gaelic Resources, the little oil explorer, is quickening following the arrival of veteran oilmen Colin Phipps and David Quick. Its exploration budget is \$6m with drilling in the North Sea and Portugal scheduled. The shares slipped 0.5p to 3.25p.

Revival at Anglesey Mining continues. Director buying, a share placing and developments at its Parys Mountain mine have lifted the shares from 2.25p in

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## A foretaste of a future where fiscal surpluses are the norm



**HAMISH MCRAE** ON THE **POSSIBILITY** OF BALANCED BUDGETS

Forget for the moment about the ructions over EMU and the CBI; forget about the dangers of an East Asian meltdown; forget about the looming threat to Instead, focus on something you might get to next. very interesting that seems to be happening here in Britain.

This is the possibility - however shocking, ridiculous, even bizarre this might seem under a Labour government - that our

The point is simple enough. UK public finances were already improving rapidly under the previous government. In July Gordon Brown tightened fiscal policy further. Now, come November, the deficit looks like being narrower still. Of course in a moment. What about the governments can always think of ways of spending money and this one might break its spendit is plausible that there could be sult last, but since the last three a surplus next fiscal year.

This possibility has up to now hardly surfaced in the markets, so I am grateful to the economic team at NatWest Markets for pointing out the way in which the twin deficits - the public sector deficit and the current

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account one - have been turning out much better than forecast, The PSBR outturn last year. the one which ended in April, was £22bn or 3 per cent of GDP. This year the Tories planned a

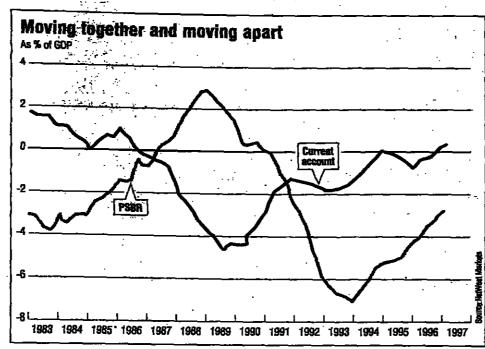
further cut to £19bn, which was then cut again by Gordon Brown to a planned £11bn. Now the City forecasters are suggesting that the deficit will be narrower still, maybe £8bn, which would be only 1 per cent of GDP. What seems to happening is that the faster-thanexpected growth has been cutting spending, so though revenues are not doing particularly well the general borrowing picture is better than it seemed even a couple of months ago. A deficit of 1 per cent of

GDP would have seemed astounding three or four years ago, when things were repeatedly turning out worse than forecast, rather than better. But this might just be a foretaste. If you can get from 3 per US markets of the forthcoming cent of GDP to I per cent in this rise in American interest rates. financial year imagine where

For the moment, forecasters are still thinking in terms of a small deficit - NatWest Markets forecast £3.9bn, James Capel £2bn - but when you are dealing with the difference between public finances will move into the two very large figures of government spending and government revenue, a couple of billion either way is well within the forecast error. So, unless there is some big change in government policy, a surplus for 1998 looks perfectly possible.

More about what this means other deficit, the current account one? City forecasters are still predicting a tiny deficit ing targets, but on present trends this year, after an all-square requarters for which we have figures are all in surplus, even that looks pessimistic. Whether this surplus might continue into 1998, though, is another matter.

Have a look at the graph, pulled together by Nat West, and focus on the way in which the to improve, for all see some sort particularly since in a year or two



two deficits seemed mirrorimages of each other in the 1980s. In the middle 1980s the current account was in surplus and the PSBR in deficit. Then the late 1980s boom saw the two to switch: strong growth sucked in imports and pushed the current account into deficit, but the additional tax revenues and the cuts in benefit payments from this growth pushed the government into surplus. In the early 1990s recession reversed all this.

Now, however, the two lines seem to be moving together. The current account is already in surplus and as noted above the PSBR is fast heading that way. Question one: Will the two lines carry on together, or will they repeat the experience of the 1980s and diverge? Question two: Is there a broader message in the move of the twin deficits in the "right" direction?

The City consensus is that the narrowing of the PSBR will contique, though few are yet suggesting it will disappear, but everyone seems to doubt that the current account can continue

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of re-run, albeit in muted form, of the 1988 boom, complete with its surge in imports, etc. Nat West Markets' forecast of a 1998 current account deficit just under £4bn is the lowest in the City. I suspect they are right, for the underlying structural forces current account should carry on working. So while some deterioration is on the cards, it need not be on anything like the

scale of the 1980s. If that is right, the second question - the hunt for a broader message - is very interesting indeed.

To answer it, imagine how people would react were the government to find itself back in surplus. Imagine how Mr Brown would react. Spend the surplus? Doesn't sound right. Remember the golden rules of spending - that governments should only borrow for investment, not for current outlays? No, there might be some modest additional spending but I cannot see it suddenly becoming fashionable to blow the surplus,

we will be beginning to contemplate the downswing of the economic cycle. That was, after all, the mistake Lord Lawson made.

No, I think that being the only G7 government with a fiscal surplus will be taken as something commanding respect which have improved the UK's among the Chancellor's peers, and that it will be surprisingly popular among voters. The actual surplus will be transient, the cycle will see to that, but the idea that normality is not running a deficit will gradually take hold not just in the UK but across the developed world.

The idea that budgets should be balanced was the norm before the first oil shock in 1973/4. We are, in so many ways, going back to a world more like the 1950s and 1960s, with low inflation and compared with the 1980s, quite low unemployment. Going back to the norm of a balanced budget fits naturally into that environment. Of course, given adverse demography, governments should really be running surpluses ... but that is a story for another day. Let's get rid of the deficits first.

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Despite sporting a walking-stick and a hobble, the result of a weekend footballing injury, Howard Davies, the chairman of the Financial Services Authority (FSA), was in his best impish form at the CBI conference in Birmingham yesterday where he was addressing his former colleagues over breakfast.

In particular he could not resist a dirty trick at the expense of the CBI's president, Sir Colin Marshall. Mr Davies explained he had arrived the previous evening half-way through the traditional pre-conference dinner because his train was late, only to discover that Sir Colin was already aware of his movements. "I can't think how the chairman of British Airways got his hands on the Virgin Trains passenger list," quipped the watchdog chairman.

Speaking of the FSA, Mr Davies was also unrepentant about its decision to set up shop not in the Square Mile, but in Canary Wharf, several miles east of the City in Loudon's Docklands. Some City folk grumbled that it was wrong for the FSA, the overall investment regulator, to be so far away from the centre of power and decision making. Not so, said Mr Davies. "London City Airport and a flight to Frankfurt are only10 minutes away."

Remember, remember, the Fifth of November. Simon Briscoe, head of research at Nikko Europe, certainly did when he thoughtfully popped out to the shops to buy his family's supply of Guy Fawkes' Night fireworks.

Unfortunately for Mr Briscoe, he had an earlier appointment on the way from work to go and hear Alastair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, defend the Government's changes to the Bank of England in front of the Treasury Select Committee.

Mr Briscoe was duly searched at the entrance to the House of Commons and had to hand over his fireworks to the police. Gunpowder doesn't seem a very advisable thing to be bringing into the House, particularly on the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot.

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wing al Happily, Mr Briscoe wasn't hanged, drawn and quartered, despite his seditions criticism of the Government for giving the Bank of England its independence

Hans Tietmeyer, president of the Bundesbank and stern defender of the German mark, will be in London next month to receive a special prize, an award from the German British Forum for his contribution to the relationship between the two countries.

Bizarrely, the award specially cites Herr Tietmeyer's firmness for resisting the Bonn government's plans last May to revalue the Bundesbank's gold reserves. For those with short memories, Mr Tietmeyer's resistance looked at the time like a huge stumbling block in the steady march towards the single currency. I presume that putting a halt to EMU is what the Forum decided was his contribution to Anglo-German amity. Perhaps they're right.

Let's all pause a moment to sympathise with the likes of Eddie George, Ken Clarke and Rudolph Agnew. British Airways announced yesterday that from 29 March next year it will be completely smoke free.

The decision will place die-hard users of the demon weed such as the above in a tricky position. When they need to fly to global conferences and the like, do they go by BA and suffer the smokers' version of "cold turkey", or do they go by an alternative airline and open themselves up to charges of unpatriotic behaviour?

A BA spokesman points out that 95 per cent of all BA's flights are already smoke free and that they have received many letters since such bans were introduced 10 years ago "from smokers, complementing us on our nice fresh cabins".

Smoking rooms, the curse of the modern office building, were considered as an alternative, he says, "but we didn't like the idea of a very few smokers sitting in a smoke-filled room at the back of a jumbo jet for 10 hours".

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And if Rothmans chain-smokers like Eddie George are really worried, the spokesman says they can "store up on nicotine gum and smoking patches".

Simon Martin-Redman, formerly managing director of Ranelagh, the Westminster-based corporate affairs company which provided William Hague with offices during his leadership campaign, has joined DBI, another consultancy, as director responsible for central government.

Martin-Redman worked at Deloitte & Touche for three and a half years, and originally qualified as an accountant in the Royal Navy. He is sceptical that the proposed mega-mergers between accountancy firms will be allowed by the Government. Which would be sad, I think, since the latest name for the merger firm of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand is "P&L".

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## Why lawyers and accountants are thinking about a one-stop shop

The news that Arthur Andersen has been talking to Simmons & Simmons, one of the City's leading law firms, about a possible merger is a reminder that proposed marriages among the top-flight accounting practices are not the only threat to the fabric of Britain's professional service firms. Roger Tropp looks at the possibilities.

It has - in the words of a spokesman for Arthur Andersen – long been an open secret that the organisation, which, pending the completion of the currently planned link-ups between Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse and KPMG and Ernst & Young, is still the world's largest professional services firm, has been seeking to increase its presence in the UK legal market.

Though lawyers and rivals were doubtful when it entered the field back in 1993 by setting

up Garrett & Co, four years later that practice has several offices around the country, has acquired two other wellregarded niche firms and in the last financial year contributed £15m to Andersen's revenues.

Moreover, it has since been copied by other leading firms. Price Waterhouse has an association with Amheim & Co. while its would-be partner Coopers & Lybrand has a similar arrangement with Tite & Lewis; it is anticipated that the two organisations will join forces if the merger goes ahead. And the other big players are keen to follow suit.

While Andersen has been reasonably successful at picking up fairly lucrative but low-key work, it does not stand a chance of gaining an entry to the really serious deals without a connection with a big name. With the largest law firms unlikely to be attracted by such a venture, Andersen, headed by new managing partner Philip Randall, had to look at the next tier

Simmons & Simmons was a natural option because it has a longstanding link with J&A chant banks in corporate Garrigues, the Spanish firm

that became part of the Andersen legal network last year. Though the talks have been called off, Simmons & Simmons' managing director, Alan Morris, said a link-up of this nature remained an option

The reasons why an accoun-

tancy firm might want to gain a footbold in the law are clear enough. First, there is a perception that the profession offers more opportunities for "value-added" assignments. This is especially appealing for people who have seen their central activity - audit - largely become a commodity, with clients reluctant to value it as anything other than something they have to have done for legal reasons. Indeed, it is being argued that the drive for merger at the top of the accounting profession is coming from the firms' management consulting arms, and many are talking of traditional accounting functions being marginalised in the drive for lucrative consulting

Second, such a push fits with similar moves accountants have been making on merfinance. Counting on the banks'

lack of interest in the lower end of this field, they have made rapid progress in advising on management buyouts and flotations in particular.

But it is less obvious what advantages such arrangements bring for lawyers. David Furst of second-tier accountancy firm Clark Whitehill is one of those who sees definite disadvantages in such arrangements, notably in the threat to independent advice.

In deals it is not uncommon for lawyers and accountants acting on the same side to disagree on certain issues; if they come from different organisations they can debate that openly, whereas if they are both from the same stable it is more difficult, especially if the person who thinks a mistake has been made is comparatively junior, he argues.

He stresses that the one-stop shop argument is not especially convincing, since large clients do not use one law firm for all their legal work as it is, and are unlikely to change this habit if accountancy services are available as well. He is adamant that it is to the benefit of both proclients that they keep their operations separate while cooperating on an ad hoc basis if

Mr Morris of Simmons & Simmons accepts that this is what he calls a "potential downside", but he can also see two distinct advantages. First, accountancy firms, by virtue of their greater size, have the resources that firms like his need if they are to achieve their goal of becoming global firms. Second, the international combination that such a multidisciplinary partnership would produce could be something that would appeal to increasingly global clients.

Though the much-rumoured Simmons & Simmons deal appears to be off, observers do not think the matter will go away. Pointing out that the current boom might persuade lawyers that they are better off on their own, Martha Klein, editor of Legal Business magazine, said a return to recession and pressure on fees might create a situation where an accountancy firm "will convince a top City law firm or national law firm to go for at least fessional advisers and their a joint marketing arrangement".



Alan Morris: The Simmons & Simmons managing director sees distinct advantages in a multi-disciplinary partnership and says such a link-up remains an option

## City sees Barclays/L&G merger as a logical step

A merger between Barclays Bank and Legal & General to form the biggest bancassurance group in the UK would be welcomed in the City. However, as Andrew Verity and Lea Paterson discover, any expansionary acquisition by Barclays would come at a hefty

Both Barclays and Legal & General yesterday declined to comment on reports suggesting that a £6bn deal was in the offing, dismissing it as market rumour.

City analysts, though, think differently and claim that such a deal would make perfect logical sense for Barclays, and possibly for other banks that want to penetrate the market for life assurance and pensions. Analysts believe that takeovers are a way of overcoming slow organic growth in life assurance and pensions markets.

Barclays is known to be looking to buy into the life insurance sector as one of several options for expansion by acquisition. The recent announcement that a large part of BZW, its investment bank, is being sold has heightened speculation of a takeover bid.

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has also announced its interest in buying a life insurance group if it would add value to the bank's operations. Lloyds has since been linked with Norwich Union, and separate takeover talks have also taken place between Nat West and Prudential.

The takeover activity stems from the desire of high street banks to move away from the low-margin business of taking deposits to selling more profitable savings and investment products. For the UK clearing banks, income from traditional sources such as loans and overdrafts has been slowing for some time.

But analysts say sales by high street banks of own-brand life insurance and pensions products have slowed to a stop following the successful foray into the business eight years ago. Figures from the Association of British Insurers show that banks' share of the life and pensions market, which grew to 12 per cent by 1994, has now hit a wall. In 1995 and 1996, the share slipped to 11 per cent.

Roman Cizdyn, insurance analyst at Merrill Lynch, said: "Organic growth hasn't worked. The figures showing sales of life insurance and pensions are very, very disappointing for the bancassurers."

Legal & General is already valued at £6bn on its 499p

main rivals in the high street, share price which, analysts claim, is well below the level that Barciays would have to pay. They reckon the bank would have to offer an expensive, and possibly unjustifiable, premium of around 20 per cent.

At UBS, Chris Hitchings, an analyst, said: "In principle it's the right thing to do. But life insurance is about brand and distribution. Barclays have the distribution already. And to a retail investor, Barclays is just as powerful a name as Legal & General, so it's hard to see y value would be added."

James Dean, Price Waterhouse insurance group partner, said: "There is a view that, in a few years' time, there will be a number of very large financial services supermarkets in this country. And no-one wants to be left behind."

Other analysts do not subscribe to the theory that there will be a rapid round of takeovers which would accelerate the consolidation process witnessed over the last two years in the life insurance sector.

That picture is now becoming blurred by the entry of newly converted building societies to the banking sector. Recent speculation has linked Halifax with the Prudential, Legal & General with Norwich Union as well as Barclays, while Northern Rock is said to be on National Westminster's shopping list.

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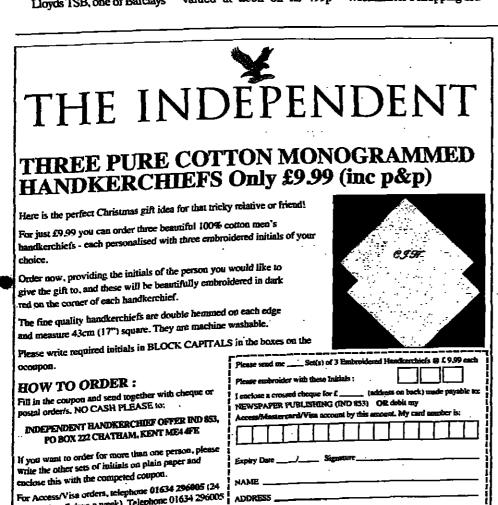


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MOTOR RACING

## McLaren deny Jerez pact with Williams

Michael Schumacher is not the only one having to explain his actions to motor sport's governing body today.

McLaren and Williams will also be in the dock accused of race-fixing, a charge they strongly deny. Derick Allsop reports.

Ron Dennis, the team principal of McLaren-Mercedes. insisted vesterday that there was no pact with Williams-Renault to ensure Jacques Villeneuve beat Michael Schumacher to the Formula One world cham-

pionship. And he denied his drivers, Mika Hakkinen and David Coulthard, were allowed to pass Villeneuve and take first and second places at the controversial Grand Prix of Europe as a reward.

The head of Williams, Frank Williams, had already dismissed the leaking of taped pit to driver conversations during the race as an attempt by Ferrari to discredit the British teams and deflect attention from Schumacher's disciplinary hearing in Slough today. "We reject in the strongest possible terms any allegation of unsporting or improper con-

duct," he said. However, McLaren and Williams now find themselves on the same bill as Schumacher, defending charges brought by the FIA, motor sport's governing body, that they colluded.

Dennis' explanation is that he and his team merely honoured a commitment not to interfere in the contest between Villeneuve and Schumacher for the championship.

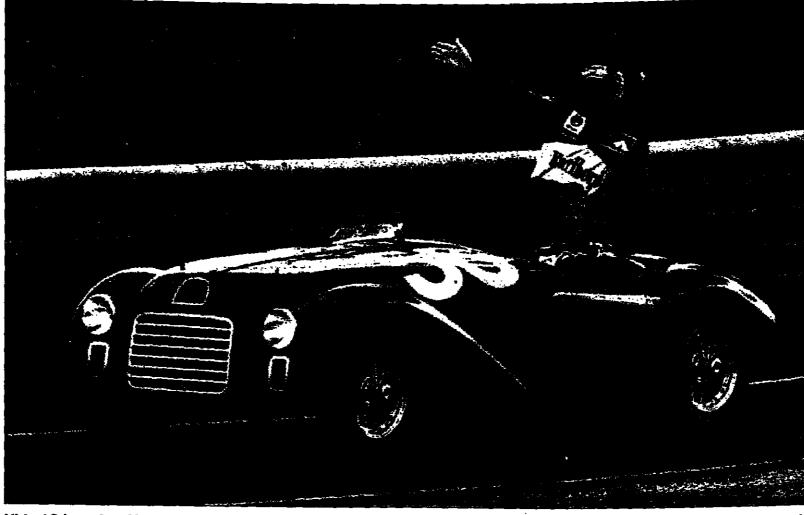
"My biggest concern is that all this may perpetuate a view that is obviously held by another team that we had something to do with the outcome of the world championship. That is obviously ludicrous," he said.

"We're being questioned about our integrity, but we have acknowledged that we specifically told our drivers before the last two races not to get in the way of the world championship. I'm not putting our team on a pedestal, but if our drivers had gone out and aggressively attacked they could have been involved in an incident that would have been detrimental to the sport.

"Our drivers were not involved in the world championship, so I believe it was the right sporting decision to let the two drivers contesting the championship fight it out."

Dennis is adamant his drivers were not instructed to protect Villeneuve from the other Ferrari driver, Eddie Irvine.

"Irvine dropped away. He was miles behind," he said. "In the closing stages our guys were catching Villeneuve. He knew he didn't have to win and in a situation like that he's not



Michael Schumacher rides in the passenger seat of a vintage Ferrari as his team-mate, Eddie Irvine, waves to fans on a tour of the Pergusa track Photograph: Fabrizio Villa/AP during Ferrari's 50th anniversary celebrations on Sunday

going to resist, he's going to move over."

Whatever verdict is reached at today's hearing, Formula One is likely to come out of it with another result.

There has been such posturing, pontificating, political conniving and mud-slinging in the 16 days since Schumacher turned his Ferrari into Villeneuve's Williams you might be led to believe grand prix racing is on the point of crisis and the authorities are covering under the bombardment.

Far from it. This organisation revels in publicity and will take all the flak. The world-wide

outcry over Schumacher's actions at Jerez and the stewards' ruling that it was "a racing accident" prompted Formula One's hierarchy to step in and summon the German to a World Council hearing.

Max Mosley, the president of the FIA, is a political opportunist and this was another situation where the leaders had to be seen to be leading. He, of course, is a long-time ally of Bernie Ecdestone, head of Formula One's commercial operation, and supreme business opportunist. Little happens in their world

without them being involved. Ecclestone has said it is not

the image of the sport, but the image of Schumacher that is at issue here. At the end of the 1994 season, decided by Schumacher's collision with Damon Hill, Mosley openly expressed the opinion that if Formula One was the topic of conversation in pubs and clubs he saw no rea-

son to be concerned. The fact is that Formula One is not really a sport at all. It is an industry which makes some of those involved extremely wealthy. That prosperity depends on sponsorship and viewing figures, which in turn are driven by publicity.

Schumacher and Ferrari are

the most productive sources of publicity: he is the best driver in the world, they are the legendary marque. To have the red car out at the front is especially good for business.

This may explain the leaking

made a mistake at Jerez, but did

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to be punished, and has talked

of losing points and/or a fine.

Deducting points for the 1998

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of the "Jerez tapes" which allegedly show McLaren and Williams behaving in an unsporting fashion. To that end also, it is being suggested Villeneuve should have been banned from the decisive Grand Prix of Europe after ignoring warning flags during the previous race in Japan, for which he

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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Miami's Dan Marino climbed off the treatment table to lead the Dolphins to a 24-17 win over the New York Jets and leave them level with the Jets and New England at the top of the AFC East. Marino, doubtful for the game with a sprained ankle, completed 18 out of 29 passes for 186 yards, including a 23-year touchdown pass to

Brett Perriman. Marino, who has completed 55 per cent of his passes for 2,260 yards this season, missed most of the week's training but was able to construct a winning game on Sunday in his sixth consecutive start over the Jets.

Green Bay. Denver and Minnesota continued their run of success. Denver's Darrien Gordon became only the eighth player in NFL history to return two punts for touchdowns in one game, running back both in the snow during the first quarter of a 34-0 rout of Carolina.

John Elway completed 14 of 23 passes for 227 yards, with Shannon Sharpe catching eight throws for 174 yards in the Broncos' 14th home victory in succession.

Green Bay won their 21st home game in a row, a club record, as Brett Favre threw for 306 yards and a touchdown, and ran for another score in a 17-7 triumph over St Louis. Antonio Freeman caught seven passes for 160 yards for the Packers. who kept pace with Minnesota in the NFC Central.

Minnesota's Leroy Hoard scored on a one-yard touchdown run with 54 seconds remaining in the game to give Minnesota a sixth win in a row, 29-22 over Chicago. The Vikings are off to their best start

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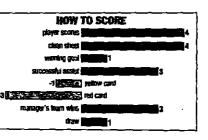
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**Declaration** gives Kiwis

chance of win

Australia 373 and 294-6 dec

Australia's captain, Mark Tay-

lor, set New Zealand a victory

target of 319 after his batsmen

toiled for runs on the fourth day

Bryan Young and Blair Pocock,

survived a nervous three overs

against the new ball to guide the

tourists to 4 for 0 at the close,

- until 20 minutes before close

The New Zealand openers.

of the first Test yesterday.

New Zealand 349 and 4-0

## 29/SPORT

## Gayle uncertainty puts betting in the doldrums

An Irishman steps in where British bookies fear to tread as the first major race of the

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National Hunt season attracts just II entries. Greg Wood on the prices and possibilities for the Murphy's Gold Cup.

If you did not know that the thought of £60,000 will focus the concentration of even the most air-headed trainer, you could almost believe that the re-christening of what used to be the Mackeson Gold Cup had caught them all unawares. When the five-day entries appeared yesterday for what is now the Murphy's Gold Cup. just 11 names remained in contention, and even the horse who would probably start favourite is not certain to line up at Cheltenham on Saturday.

at Sheikh Mohammed's Dal-

ham Hall Stud in Newmarket

in 1998, it was announced yes-

terday. His fee will be £25,000.

expected to remain at Holly-

Britain's retired champion is

The chaser in question is Sparky Gayle, who was unbeaten in six starts as a novice last season and won the Cathcart Chase over the Murphy's course and distance at the Festival in March.

Colin Parker, his trainer, is

well aware that Sparky Gayle's burden of 10st 2lb gives him a fine chance of taking his lifetime earnings into six figures (he currently has £80,000 to his name), but might yet decide to run instead in the Sean Graham Chase at Ayr the same afternoon, where last year's Gold Cup winner, Mr Mulligan, would probably be among his opponents.

The uncertainty over his presence at Cheltenham persuaded British bookies to wait before issuing prices on the Murphy's, but fortunately, Irish layers are made of braver stuff, and Liam Cashman, who would probably price up the 2010 Gold Cup if you asked him politely, stepped in with an open-

He offers 9-4 against Sparky Gayle, and 3-1 about Chajlenger Du Luc, last year's winner, and then bets: 7-2 Dublin Flyer, 5-1 Bertone, 10-1 Destin D'Estruval, 14-1 Senor El Betrutti, 20-1 Potter's Bay, 25-1 bar. Coome Hill, last year's Hennessy winner, is among

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Freno (Ludiow 3.40) NB: House Captain (Newbury 2.50)

the entries, but is unlikely to run and thus goes unquoted.

Parker was not ready to make a final decision yesterday. "It's interesting to see that there are only eight runners in the Ayr race," he said, "but we're going to sit down tomorrow and have a look at both. If he was to run at Cheltenham, the Hennessy would

definitely be out, but if he sure to be holding Mr Mulliwent for the Avr race then the Hennessy would still be a possibility."

Precisely why this year's entry is - numerically at least - so disappointing is difficult to say, though there is certainly no shortage of worthwhile targets for good chasers even at this early stage of the campaign. The Sean Graham Chase is a prime example, since it has persuaded Noel Chance to take Mr Mulligan all the way to Scotland from Lambourn as he prepares the Gold Cup winner for the King George VI Chase at

Kempton on Boxing Day. We want to run and if we can we will," Chance said yesterday. "Only a terrible workout tomorrow morning or something like that is likely to stop him now. I will make a decision by lunchtime and hope to announce a jockey then as well.

An unexpected name seems

gan's reins on Saturday since Tony McCoy, who rode him in the Gold Cup, will be required at Cheltenham, and Paul Carberry, Chance's first choice as a replacement, will need to win an appeal against suspension (which is usually at least 16-1 against) in order to take the ride. His hearing is on Thursday, but Chance seems unlikely to wait for the verdict before booking a replacement.

The field for the Murphy's seems sure to be one of the smallest in its distinguished history, but the remainder of Cheltenham's three-day meeting - the Craic, as they like it to be known - will be rather better supported. The entry from Ireland is particularly encouraging, with 46 possible runners over the weekend, so it is just as well that there will be no fewer than five ceilidh bands at the course to entertain the supporters who travel with them.

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Make A Stand (M Pipe)	16-1	12-1	21	19-1				
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#### Pike taking Cheltenham bait

Rosemary Henderson and her 16-year-old horse Fiddlers Pike are ready to grace the racecourse one more time. Mrs Henderson, 55, is hoping to ride the horse in the Sporting Index Chase at Cheltenham on Friday.

She became only the second woman to complete the course in the Grand National when guiding Fiddlers Pike into fifth place in the 1994 renewal.

Despite repeated attempts

at retirement neither Mrs Henderson nor her stable star are

- 8 declared -BETTING: 19-11 Blowing Rock, 7-2 Dissond Hall, 5-1 Mides, 8-1 Tel-lomade, 16-1 Teluk, 20-1 Folescieve, 33-1 others

3.10 BATES & HUNT GROUP NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 4f

BETTING: 4-9 Charyl's Lad, 5-2 Rossell Island, 10-1 Guttacklor

03-52 CHERYL'S LAD (17) (BF) D Nicholson 7 ft 4 ... R Johnson 0905-P GUTTERIOGE (112) P Bians 7 ft 2 ... L Harvey V 007-10 ROSSELL ISLAND (10) (BF) Mis J Pinnen 6 ft 2 ... R Farnant

3.40 MOORE SCOTT NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m

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2.30 HENNESSY COGNAC SERIES NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS B) 28,000 2m 1f

3.00 DICK BREWITT HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) \$4,000 added 3m 3f

3.30 JOHN HELLENS NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 5f

ready to call it a day. "Provided I get my amateur jockeys' permit through in time, I'll be there on Friday," she said. "It shouldn't be a problem as

and they say it's on its way. "We've not ridden competitively since the spring when we had a couple of hunter chases and point-to-points."

I've phoned up and checked

2.40 EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HUR-DLE (CLASS E) E3,300 added 2m 

figure today. "I give us more than a reasonable chance," New Zealand's coach, Steve Rixon, said. "It will all get down to a solid

"It's amazing how quick

Fourth day: New Zasland won toss AUSTRALIA - First lunings 373 (M A Taylor 112, P R Reitlel 77).

Bowling: McGrath 2-0-3-0 (nb1); Keaprowicz 1-0-1-0 Umpires: S Randell (Aus) and V Rameswarry (Ind).

ICE HOCKEY

#### SEDGEFIELD

1.00 Tharsis 1.30 Skithwise 2.00 Symbol Of Success 2.30 Thrower 3.00 D'Arblay Street 3.30 Rye Crossing (nb) 4.00 Poppy's Dream

 ■ Left-hand, undulating course.
 ■ Course is Im SE of town near junction of A839 and A177. Stockton station (Sm), Durham station (12m). ADMRSSION: Paddock E8 (OAPs £4); Course £2, CAR PARK: £2, remainder free. • LEADING TRABLERS: Nirs M Roweley \$5-225 (285%), G M Moore 5-107 (173%), J H Johnson 19-54 (123%), J Wade 5-51 (123%). • LEADING JOCKEYS: P Niven 50-63 (30.7%), A Dobbin 5-38

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#### but still needed another 315 to pull off what would be a memorable victory. Accurate bowling by New

Zealand's inexperienced but disciplined attack delayed Taylor's declaration - at 294 for 6

of play at The Gabba. The tourists restricted the scoring rate to little more than two runs an over before tea as Australia's No 3, Greg Blewett, amassed a patient 91 to anchor the innings.

Only late on - when Ricky Ponting and Paul Reiffel launched an assault - did the batsmen gain the upper hand on a placed wicket. Ponting remained unbeaten on 73 off 84 balls after smashing two sixes and seven fours against a tiring attack. The Tasmanian was visibly frustrated at being denied the opportunity to record only his second Test century because of the timing of Taylor's

With the pitch slowly deteriorating and offering more encouragement for the bowlers, Australia's leg-spinner Shane Warne could emerge as the key

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runs come in the last session if you have got wickets in hand. I apologise to all those people who booked golf tomorrow."

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NEW ZEALAND — First innings 346 (S.P.F. Ing. 91, C.L. Cakins 64, C.D. McMillan 54).
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Total (110.5 overs, for 8 disc.)

Total (110.5 overs, for 8 disc.) Minimum weight: 10st. Tisse hendissp weight: Hugh Deniels 9st 13lb. BETTING: 10-11 Franc, 9-2 Trouvelle, Follow De Call, 5-1 Tango Mess, 20-1 Grundon, 33-1 Hugh Deniels Total (110.5 overs, for 6 dec) 294
Full (coot); 2-6, 3-72, 4-104, 5-183, 6-217,
Bowling: Doult 195-4-40; Allot 185-4-80-1
(nb2); Cairre 16-4-543 (nb3); Vettori 96-13-872; Hain's 9-0-30-0; Astre 1-0-14-0.
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#### **Bracknell** on the move

Bracknell Bees added to the misery of Newcastle Cobras in the Superleague. The Cobras' attempts to record their first points came adrift at the John Nike Arena on Sunday as they

lost 6-2 to the Bees. Newcastle must have feared the worst when, just five minutes into the game, they lost their powerful forward Carmine Vani on a game misconduct penalty for checking from behind, Fellow Italian-Canadian Joe Ferraccioli made them pay with a goal in the ensuing power-play period - and Newcastle were heading for an eighth successive league defeat.

Bracknell, whose netminder Mark Bernard received the man of the match award for turning away 41 of the 43 shots on his goal, jump from seventh to fourth in the table as a resuit. Newcastle are now six points adrift at the bottom.

Elsewhere, Ayr Scottish Eagles did not show any signs of a hangover less than 24 hours after clinching a place in the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

At the Centrum, Eagles prevailed 5-4 over Sheffield Steelers, whose defeat confirmed that last season's BT Play-Off champions are finding winning form elusive this time round.

Cardiff Devils, last season's league champions and Ayr's opponents in next month's Benson and Hedges final, suffered a rare defeat, 4-2 on home ice, at the hands of the early Superleague pacesetters, Man-

wood Park for another three to four weeks while he recovers from the injury that ended his racing career on Thursday. The coli has responded well

GOING: Chase course - Good to Firm; Hurdles - Good.

10-61 (193%), M.A. Ritzgerald 10-99 (10.1%).

PAYOURITES: 133 wins from 337 races (39.5%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Mesterinck (150); Courberil (veored, 2.50).

2m 1f Penalty Value £4,184

-3F123 FAUSTINO (15) (D) (BF) (The Elbrock 4) P - 2 declared -

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GUINET: Lineae course - coold at reff; Frances - coold.

Self-hand course with stiff fances.

Course is south-east of town near A34. Reffway station (service from London, Paddington) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members 24: Tattersalis 25: Silver Reg 24 (OAPs half price) Accompanied 17-year-cids or under free all enclosures. CAP PARIX: Free Stati price) Accompanied 17-year-cids or under free all enclosures (204%), O Sherwood 16-56 (238%), N Henderson 13-80 (633%), M Pipe 11-64 (172%)

LEADING TOCKEYS: J Oaborne 38-79 (319%), A Maguire 17-93 (83%), R Durwoody as a referent to the course of the cours

1.20 PENWOOD NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) 25,000 added

SETTING: 1-3 Green Green Desert, 9-4 Faustino
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There is nothing much in the weather forecast to decourage the top-of-the-ground specisists and these two acceptors will both enjoy the fast terrain. Although Faustino was
beaten almost 30 lengths when third of four finishers in Partamentarian's two-mile handicap at Towcester 15 days ago, he can be given some credit for the performance. He
was carrying 11st 10th against more experienced chasers and he plugged on gamely
after a costly mistate three out - almost collaring Dubelle for second place. A fail cost
him victory at Elester (chasing debut) at Exister in Septramber, but he made amends there
later that month, beating 11all Boss, and he was a then 25-length second to Thursdey
Night at Newton Abbot. He was a decent enough hundler (has been hobdayed) but being beatin by firm A Dreamer in an Acoot handicap test April Bustrates his valinerability
and the enigmetic GRIEEN GREEN DESERT will probably enjoy himself in these cicurristances. Jamie Osborne will probably assume that a good round of jumping will enable Green Green Desert to do his rival for a turn of foot, but Richard Durwoody, on the
other hand, will be anadous to "crowd" Green Green Desert on the run-h, just to see the
fate departures of lezzy Refrain and Flight Lieutenant at Stratford, he locked like whoring in any case.

Selection: GREEN GREEN GESERT

1.50 SEVEN BARROWS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) \$7,000 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £4,811

SINGLE SOURCING definitely has scope to win a novice handlep off this mark, having had a light campaign lest season after breating a blood vessel first time out. He was a bumper winner three seasons ago and then firsted second of 24 to Andanito in a bumper here in October 1995 (not seen out atterwards). He appreciates the ground, but is observed to be a scope of the market of a high note by taking a Untranster majden — making all to best lewin Janine and the rest of a moderate lot. Was king is a sure-fire winner of a handloap or two this term if all stays well with him and he ran a sure-fire winner of a handloap or two this term if all stays well with him and he ran a sure-fire winner of a handloap or two this term if all stays well with him and he ran a sure-fire winner of a handloap or two this term if all stays well with him and he ran a sure-fire winner of a handloap or two this term if all stays well with him and he ran a sure-fire winner for where the time in a Uttowester handloap last May, good race for a novice when second to Fourth in Line in a Uttowester handloap last May, good race for a novice when the cacoccurse last season until mid-lanuary and ran some delicon Davil did not see the raceccurse last season until mid-lanuary and ran some delicon Davil did not see the raceccurse last season until mid-lanuary and ran some delicon traces atterwards. He seemed to find two miles at Worcester too sharp when a several man handloap the stays with the substay with reseason of the stays with the substay with the substay with the substay well.

2.20 WILTSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS B) £10,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £7,430

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tured during his final piece of exercise for the Breeders' Cup.

Bradshaw and Mick Blair, Michael Stoute's backroom

Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager Anthony Stroud said: "I went to see Singspiel on Sat-

Singspiel for Newmarket Singspiel will stand as a stallion screws in the cannon-bone frac-

> Stuart Messenger, Kevin team, have kept a round the clock watch on the horse.

> urday after the racing and he seemed in very good order."

### Dettori switches on lights but shock to follow

Frankie Dettori will have two trips to London's West End this week. Tonight he will switch on the Christmas lights in Regent Street but on Thursday the visit to Jockey Club headquarters at Portman Square promis-

es to be less pleasurable. Dettori will appear before the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee following a referral for careless riding by the Newmarket stewards last month.

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STRONG MEDICINE had Bst 15lb in the five-day list, but now creeps into the handicap proper with 10st 3lb. He was sent for the Gelway Plate Handicap Chase in late July but lost a handy position at the 10th in that two miles, six furings consist and was pulled up before the second last (Stately Home eighth). But he is normally a sound jumper who won his first two starts last season - including this corresponding race when besting Basthorpe and three others. He followed up at Sandown before running in the Municipality Gold Cup at Chetenham (a race chosen in preference to the Hennessy in which he finished seventh. Getting so much weight, he could edge out the admirable Stately Home, who jumped the final tence at Galwey in second place before fading away. Stately Home, much improved, will always be a contender with his enthusiasm and normally superb jumping and he won a string of races last season (len in all) even if disappoining slightly in the Cathcast at Cheltenham when sixth to Sparky Gayle. Super Tection swessed up badly before his correback run at Kempton when third to Cathcate, but he is a consistent customer who looks plenty high anough in the weights just now.

2.50 HTTP://WWW.RACEWEB.COM/NEWBURY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B) £7,000 added 3m 110yds Penalty

BETTING: 52 Courbert, House Captain, 92 Go-Informal, 11-2 Lough Tully, 13-2 Head Woven,

House Captain is a horse with potential but this son of Oats probably needs more cut undertable. Even so, the booking of Richard Dunwoody cannot be lightly dismissed and the ground was good when House Captain won a hot handleap at Ayr last April - beating Sherithmuir and Tullymurry loft. The other northern challenger, Go-Informal, was second to Unubande in the Sun Alliance Novice Hundle at Chellenham two sessions ago, so he ments respect on what is his first start for 556 days, but Nartin Pipe could supply the answer with COURBARIL, who ran second to Sege Perilous in a two-mile Figit handleap at Sandown in August. He has looked temperamental at times, but has taken well to hunding and beat at bar Sannartino in a Grade Two event at Auritae in April. He should be effective over three miles. Lough Tuilly is 45 wrong in the handleap but still gets lumps of weight to help offset the gulf in class. He was progressive last essue, being sight to the bridle when winning at Bangor in March, and he shaped well on his return when second to Tutal Force at Chepstow, But he needs rain, too. Hend Woven can do better than Balannak, who has had injury problems in he time.

Selection: COURBARIL.

3.20 NEWBURY AUTUMN HURDLE (CLASS B) £7,000 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £4,822

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BETTING: 4-8 Semmenthor, 9-2 Solveen, White Heard, 16-1 Ele Agaph Mos

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FORM GUIDE

Even if Solveen nuns he will have his work out out to topple SANMARTTINO. All went perfectly on the latter's return to action at Kampton when he heaked up from the useful Karawi. Sammenthor three good-to-less going and he went to Chelterham last season unbesten in three strats. He ran well in the Champton Hurdle given his relative inacqueience - finally finishing sight to Make A Stand - and afterwards took the Marted Mersey Novice Hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f) from Courbert. The return to a chorter rip will not stop thin, but it will be interesting to see if White Hand, one of the better northern novices last season, can make him break sweat. Whip Hand, last of the firithers behind Shedow Leader in the Chorne Supreme at the Featwat puted too hard and made mistakes that day. Ele Agaph Mou is one to keep in mind for a decent transferable state on.

3.50 CRUX EASTON JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS C) 25,000 added 3YO 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,496

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The jockeywas found guilty of the offence when partnering Baajil on 31 October and he was automatically referred to Portman Square under the totting-up system.

Dettori faces a minimum 14day ban with the likelihood of a suspended senience, deferred for up to six months, on top of that. Furthermore, because it is known that he has no intention of riding on the all-weather cir-

cuit in Britain this winter, the disciplinary committee may take the option of deferring any suspension until it has some effect on the dual champion's racecourse opportunities.

John Maxse, spokesman for the Jockey Club, said yesterday: "I have no idea what the committee will choose to do but I am certain they would not want any suspension to be a hollow

## LUDLOW

1.10 Cullin Caper 1.40 Sandy Floss 2.10 Bayerd 2.40 Diamond Hall 3.10 Cheryl's Lad 3.40 Freno 4.10 St Mellion Stream

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

• Right-hand course, Chase course has sharp bends.

• Course is NW of town off A48 Luction station 2m, ADMISSION:
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• LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 20-81 (247%), D Nicholson 17-63 (27%), K Balley 18-69 (232%), P Hobbs 12-61 (197%).

• LEADING JOCKEYS: A Magnite 20-96 (285%), A Dummoody 15-50 (297%), A P Hotology 4-53 (264%), A Thomston 9-67 (134%).

• FAVOURITES: 168 whs from 477 races (40.3%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: GUI Of Stem (103, Ginger Wast (2-40), Guiteridge (viscred, 310), Regency Leisure (visored, 410).

1.10 RICHARDS CASTLE CONDITIONALS SELLING H'CAP H'DLE (G) 52,400 2m 

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- 8 declared BETTING: 6-4 Technes Town, 7-2 Sandy Flore, 5-1 Province, 6-1 Seniyer, 12-1 Mr Bojangies, Playing The Fool, 20-1 others

BETTING: 6-4 Persian View, 7-4 Bayerd, 9-4 Ocean Leader

GOING: Good

(11%), B Storey 13-177 (73%), J Burphie 12-99 (174%).

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## Life with the Lions no guarantee of success in wooing Woodward



ALAN WATKINS

ON **RUGBY** 

Fran Cotton's sagacity over the Africa. He promised to capiteam for this season. Things this: how are the mighty fallen. England contingent were John to be among the winners of the reers of his players. Both came into the Test side as replacements for, respectively, the injured Ieuan Evans and Robert Howley. Both had hero- in any England team. ic tours. Tim Rodber, though

goal-kicking was beginning to ri- more a matter of money. talise on the experience of the val that of Neil Jenkins in range Bentley and Matt Dawson. series. But Stimpson had immatches to guarantee his place

Quinnell, who also had to come has also been in and out of the player remains a good player, had lost it in South Africa, and terwards on television that Diprose and Richard Hill. Of time ago.

Early in the than Tim Stimp with Bentley it seems to be a arbitrary power in the hands of son was being considered for a question of a loss of form, club coaches or rugby manformance, Jason Leonard beall. Whenever Dallaglio chose selection of the Lions in South Test place, not least because his whereas with Stimpson it is agers, who have quite enough

Andrew may be right or English Lions in rebuilding the and accuracy. Jeakins was right-wrong. What I question is ly preferred in the end. With whether he should be allowed find themselves on the shelf: give a deserved chance on the have not worked out quite like Scott Gibbs and Jereany Guscott to interrupt, in Stimpson's case, -and, I would add, Dawson and or probably to terminate in however, given a place among had a good game against Brive The most mighty of all the Bentley as well - he turned out Bentley's, the international ca-

The BBC commentator and ly did enough in midweek Ian Robinson, was saying on the tively Bath and Wasps. wireless yesterday morning that it would have been madness to This was the position before pick Stimpson because of his Stimpson, Bentley, Dawson Rees was in fine form) by opt-ward has chosen are Mike Catt, less spectacular than Bentley he had a disagreement with Rob lack of first-team practice. I and Rodber. Not only have ing for the fashionable kick to Will Greenwood, Kyran Brackand Dawson, replaced Scott
Andrew at Newcastle, Bentley would maintain that a good they lost form this season; they touch. Roger Uttley said afen, Martin Johnson, Tony
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of it as things are.

other English Lions forwards ural position at loose head and Graham Rowntree (who is other side to Will Green, who and Simon Shaw. The last two can not even get into their trast, did not have such a good proved markedly, and certain- former Scottish outside-half, club first-choice sides, respec-

pathetic to them as I do to able three points (for Gareth

On his South African perlonged to the same category. But Woodward has now had the In addition to Rodber, three sense to move him to his nat-

Lawrence Dallaglio, by congame - or not, at any rate, at captain. Three times in the sec- I hope Dallaglio thinks a little I do not feel quite so sym- ond half he threw away a prob- straighter on Saturday.

with me it was not hindsight at

touch, on one occasion imperiously waving the more sensible Rees away, I said: "Wrong decision." If Rees had kicked nine points, Wasps would have beaten Brive by two. This would have been an injustice. I am glad it did not happen. But though I am emotionally uninvolved in any encounter between England and Australia,

It was only a few months ago, home early, and he did not let shortly after taking his new job, anyone down either.

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The Shortly after taking his new job, anyone down either taking his new job, anyone dow given much of a chance. Catt went out in a similar capacity and ended up as the Test outside half, where I thought he did well. Woodward has now put him into the centre in what is - in selection anyway - an adventurous back division.

There is, I know, a school of thought which maintains that centre is Catt's proper position. But while Matt Perry has played a lot of his rugby at full-back, Catt has not played centre very The other Lions that Wood- often. I tend to echo what people say of frustrated love affairs: if it was meant to happen it would have happened a long

## Sherwood still haunted by Gray day at Wembley

problem, especially when the FA Cup is involved. So it is that after a quarter-century of safe keeping and enough clean Sherwood owes his place in the popular memory to a single moment of misfortune.

The 1984 FA Cup final is six minutes into the second half. Trevor Steven delivers a hanging cross. Sherwood gathers, but a second later a thrust of Andy Gray's forehead dislodges the ball from his grasp to send it spinning into the net. Shades of

Lofthouse versus Gregg, and, just as in '58, the goal is given.

These days. Gray peppers television screens with arrows and squiggles as a hi-tech Hansen. Sherwood is also concerned with assessing angles and off-the-ball movement, but with an important

month before he hits 44, the still get into it, but it died a Yorkshireman is still there to be

When Saturday comes, the man best known for losing out to a challenge that would not have been out of place at Wakefield Trinity will be guarding Gainsborough Trinity's goal in a first-round derby at Lincoln City. A bunch of part-timers lying ninth in the UniBond League should not have a hope

Fairness and football have away to a side fourth in the always had a compatibility Third Division, yet Sherwood is due an even break from this competition.

"I look back on Wembley with a mixture of pride and sadsheets to stock the Ritz, Steve ness," he said. "It was an achievement for Watford just to get there, so soon after Graham Taylor brought us up from the Fourth Division. We also had the youngest defence ever to Watford trail I-O when Everton's play in the final. I was the veteran even then!

"But I've got the game on video and the view from behind the goal shows clearly that Andy didn't head the ball cleanly. I accept that he was only do-

COUNTDOWN

ing his job and we've had a laugh about it since, though papers weren't the next day.

"It was disappointing, not just because we lost but because one poor decision killed the game when there was still a long way to go. We were positive we could

death after that." Three years later, fate seemed ready to make amends. An injury to Tony Coton, by now Watford's No 1 keeper, brought Sherwood back into the side as they advanced towards

the twin towers. However, in the build-up to the semi-final against Tottenham he dislocated a finger in training.

"The hospital put it back in

[Graham Taylor] felt it wasn't worth the risk - we had 10 League games left and we'd slid down the table - which I didn't agree with. "Instead he played the sec-

retary's son. Gary Plumley. a wine bar. We lost 4-1, so it was been. But I can't speak highly enough of Graham Taylor. It was fantastic to be part of Watford's rise under him."

Unfortunately the manager

The son of an ex-Huddersfield keeper and brother of John Sherwood, the former Olympic hurdler, he began with Chelsea where his team-mates included Charlie Cooke, Ray Wilkins and "Chopper" Harris.

went on loan to Brighton, Millwall and Brentford, later joining Grimsby and Northampton. He was still turning out for Lincoin, of all clubs, two years ago.

There were also spells at Immingham, Stalybridge and Gateshead before he signed for who'd retired and was running Ernie Moss, Gainsborough's manager and one of the few another case of what might have men in football more widely travelled than him. Sherwood's iob as a financial adviser for an insurance company means he is not always able to train. He has, none the less, made a vital contribution to a Cup run which started in the cricket season.

> Moss takes up the story. "There was one particular save in the fourth qualifying round against Halifax, who were un-

Rogerio joins the 'Bulldog' breed

Conference. We'd equalised to make it 1-1 when a ricochet fell to to their leading scorer, [Geoff] Horsfield, 10 yards out. He struck it superbly, but Steve made a brilliant reaction

Shades of '58; Andy Gray heads Everton's second goal in the 1984 FA Cup final as the then Watford goalkeeper Steve Sherwood (centre) fails to hold on to the ball. That

contentious incident troubles the much-travelled goalkeeper even now as the 44-year-old Sherwood (Inset) prepares for another Cup adventure with Gainsborough Trinity

we'd got the winner." Knocking out Halifax was. said Sherwood, "as satisfying as any win in my career". Really? "Absolutely. Most of the younger lads have never been to the first round and the look on their faces said it all." he explained. "We had champagne in the dressing-room and crates of lager - it was a massive thing

stop. Within a few minutes

for the club." Why does he continue to put himself in the firing line? "Because playing gives me

and I believed I was fit. During a decade at Watford he beaten and top of the Vauxhall an incredible buzz," he replied, for an example of what Gainsalmost affronted.

> "I do feel the aches and strains the day after a game more than I used to, and I know I'm not going to get any better at my age. But experience is crucial in my position and I like to think mine has helped Gainsborough."

They are likely to need it at Sincil Bank. A century ago, in their inaugural Football League campaign. Trinity routed Lincoln 7-0 and later beat them 5-1 in the Cup. They also won 3-0 in a friendly last summer, though Sherwood and Moss know that history, ancient or modern, will have no bearing on

the outcome. Delving further into his catalogue of Cup disappointments

borough might achieve, Sherwood recalled Northampton succumbing at home to Bromsgrove. "It's not a nice experience for a full-time pro to lose to non-League opposition. You feel humiliated." When Watford were shak-

ing up the élite with their route-one football, Sherwood's booming clearances launched many an attack. He even scored at Coventry but can no longer kick so far. "If I could." he reflected, "I'd probably be playing for Lincoln rather than Gainsborough given John Beck's reputation for the longball game."

The humour, like the hunger, has clearly survived

Wales will face the might of the

world champions, Brazil, to-

night with almost all of their

regular strikers left at home.

on the 14-hour flight to Brasil-

ia on Sunday night without

John Hartson, Mark Hughes

Everton's veteran goalkeeper,

drew after Saturday's matches.

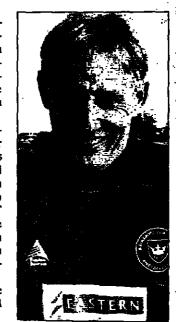
Wales in their last match, in Bel-

gium, was not even named in

about his hamstring injury.

Ryan Giggs, who captained

Wales' manager, Bobby



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that Gray day at Wembley.

weakened by striking crisis

# Wales face world champions

#### Burkinshaw holds the fort as Aberdeen dismiss Aitken

Roy Aitken yesterday became the first managerial casualty of the Scottish Premier Division season, the day after a 5-0 thrashing by Dundee United left his Aberdeen side one place off

the bottom of the table. As a player, Aitken knew nothing but success, captaining both Scotland and Celtic, and winning 57 caps. But, with two wins from 12 League games this season, his position at Aberdeen became increasingly untenable. The first-team coach, Tommy Craig, was also dismissed, and the club's football director, Keith Burkinshaw, the former Tottenham manager, will take control until a new map is installed.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, and Geert Meijer. Fevenoord's caretaker coach, have almost certainly escaped punishment for their touchline row during the Champions' League match

in Rotterdam last Wednesday. Officials at Uefa, European football's ruling body, indicated yesterday that the altercation, following the foul by Paul Bosvelt on Denis Irwin, has not been included in either the referee's or the official delegation's reports. But a final decision will not be taken until

Thursday, when Uefa's disciplinary committee meets to review all incidents in European club competitions last week.

Frank Clark, Ferguson's counterpart across Manchester at Maine Road, had talks with the City chairman, Francis Lee, yesterday to fight for the jobs of his coaching staff. Some board members apparently wanted Richard Money and Peter Edwards sacked after City slumped into the bottom three of the First Divison.

Clark secured a promise that Money and Edwards will not be made scapegoats. "The chairman has told me we have to batten down the hatches, pull on the tin hats and battle our way through this," he said.

The West Bromwich defender Shane Nicholson faces the prospect of a lengthy ban from the game after failing a drugs test for amphetamine. The former Lincoln and Derby player, 27, gave the positive sample to the FA's doping control unit at Albion's training ground on 13 October.

 Helenio Herrera, who coached Internazionale to two European Cups in the 1960s, died in Venice on Sunday at the

That growing cadre of South American goalkeepers with the sort of deft touch from the dead ball of which Chelsea's Gianfranco Zola would be proud has

a new member in its ranks. Rogerio, the São Paulo goalkeeper, scored with a spectacular free-kick as his team drew 4-4 with Parana in the Brazilian championship on Sunday. Rogerio curled his effort over the Parana wall for his second goal of the competition.

Rogerio, however, still has some way to go to catch the trendsetter, the Paraguayan Jose Luis Chilavert. Known to his fans as the "Bulldog", Chilavert has scored more than 30 goals during his career.

São Paulo took their goal tally to 14 in their last three games but their surge came too

late to earn them a place in the last eight as the first stage of the

Brazilian championship ended. Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa, the game's world governing body, has again called for a ban on sliding tackles, a proposal that merited some derision a month ago when it was first suggested. "I make no apologies for returning to the same theme," he says in this month's edition of

Fifa News, published yesterday. Blatter says that "reckless tackling, and especially sliding tackles" are dangerous not only because they can end the careers of players such as Marco Van Basten, but also of a Saturday afternoon park player.

Van Basten, the former Mi-Jan and Netherlands international striker, was repeatedly on.

front of their hotel on the eve

of the game to hold out for a

2-2 draw away to El Salvador.

They now need one point at

home to Mexico on Sunday to

ensure their World Cup debut.

Jamaica, who would have qual-

Cup finals.

the wrong end of heavy tackles. which forced him to retire in

1995 because of an ankle injury. "While the ankles of an international star striker may be worth several million dollars, those of a Saturday afternoon park player are no less valuable to their owner. They deserve no less attention." Blatter said.

"So when we wonder if reckless tackling, and especially sliding tackles should be curbed further still, it is also with Mr Average Player in mind.

"After all, he is less adroit at keeping out of trouble than the trained professional. And many a park amateur bone-grinder can be just as damaging as a hardened pro when it comes to handing out rough treatment."

In the article, headlined "One Set of Rules", Blatter sug-

gests that players, of all standards, should be protected from the tackle from behind and that while clean tackling for the ball is an integral part of the game, the sliding tackle remains a cause for concern.

eliminating the tackle from behind, but asks: "When is behind not behind? "Must the offender be coming in from a true 180 degree angle to be punished, or is he

He says Fifa is on its way to

equally culpable, as the challenge may be just as dangerous, if he comes in from a few degrees off true north? "Such fine points invariably

invoke references to the spirit of the law rather than the letter. And the spirit must aim at protecting players who try to

## United States qualify for France but Jamaica must wait

The United States qualified for their third successive World next year's World Cup on Sunday, Jamaica were left on the brink of clinching a place, while Costa Rica were eliminated de-

spite a heroic draw in Mexico. The States overcame Canada 3-0 in Burnaby, Vancouver, a result which, combined with El Salvador's failure to beat Jamaica in San Salvador, was enough to earn them a place at ified on Sunday with a win, were

leading 2-1 with two minutes left but had to delay their cel-Jamaica shrugged off the ebrations when Waldir Guerra presence of a rowdy crowd in

equalised for El Salvador. Costa Rica came from 3-1 down to snatch a 3-3 draw away to Mexico, but they cannot finish in the top three in the final round of Concacaf qualifiers. Mexico, who qualified last week, lead the group with 17 points, followed by the

States with 14, Jamaica (13) and

El Salvador (10). Roy Wegerle, the former Queen's Park Rangers forward, scored two of the States' goals in Canada, while players from Derby County were on the scoresheet in both San Salvador and Mexico City. Deon Burton headed Jamaica's first goal, Paulo Cesar Wanchope hit Costa Rica's late equaliser.

Marriott, the Blackburn defender Chris Coleman, St Johnstone's former Coventry winger Lee Jenkinson and the Coven-

try striker, Simon Howarth, Wales will not be facing a full-strength Brazil side. Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Juninho have been left out because they have already used up, or are close to using up, the quota of five friendlies for which their clubs are obliged to release them in a year.

Rangers' Stuart McCall has been called into Scotland's past two seasons.

squad for the friendly against France in St-Etienne tomorrow.

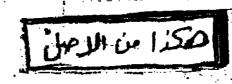
The 33-year-old midfielder replaces Celtic's new recruit, Paul Lambert, who has been Gould, took his 16-man squad given time off following his move to Parkhead from Borussia Dortmund last week. McCall has made a full re-

and Nathan Blake. All three covery from a serious knee inwere late withdrawals, while jury that saw him play only seven League matches last sea-son. He is now set to win his Neville Southall, and Bristol City's Rob Edwards also with-40th cap in France. The Blackburn central de-

fender Colin Hendry also misses the trip to France, along with Lambert. Hendry was due to the squad because of worries travel today, even though he has a knee injury. But he is now Gould has called up the staying at home, because his Wrexham goalkeeper Andy pregnant wife, Denise, slipped a disc on Sunday night.

The uncapped Tottenham defender Stephen Carr has been added to the Republic of Ireland squad for the World Cup play-off against Belgium in Brussels on Saturday.

Ireland's manager, Mick McCarthy, called up Carr after injuries ruled out the defenders Denis Irwin (Manchester United) and Curtis Fleming (Middlesbrough). Capped 12 times at Under-21 level, Carr has been a Spurs regular for the



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TENNIS: ATP TOUR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## Rusedski draws the short straw as he joins the élite

Britain's Greg Rusedski has been drawn in the same group as Pat Rafter, who defeated him in the United States Open final, and Pete Sampras, the world No I. in the round-robin segment of the ATP **Tour World** Championship, which starts today in Hannover. John Roberts assesses his prospects.

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It was the shortest draw of Greg Rusedski's career and the sweetest, but only in the sense that he is proud to be here in Hannover as Britain's first representative among the world's élite eight at the ATP Tour World Championship.

The extent of Rusedski's awesome challenge will crystalise today, depending on the outcome of the first of his three round-robin matches, a reprise of his United States Open final against Australia's Pat Rafter. Pete Sampras, the world No 1 and defending champion, is also in the Red Group with the two other big servers. Sampras opens the proceedings against Carlos Moya, the Spanish baseliner he outclassed in the final of the Australian Open.

Michael Chang, heads the White Group. The American world No 2 plays Moya's compatriot Sergi Bruguera today. Two other groundstroke specialists, Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden and Russia's Yevgeny

Kafelnikov, complete the picture. Luciano Pavarotti made the draw. In opera terms, grouping Sampras, with Rafter and matches. I learnt a lot of Rusedski was akin to placing

Placido Domingo, Jose Carreras Rusedski said. "I think I'll have and himself on the same stage.

As a physical presence, Pavarotti would qualify for next week's World Doubles Championship in Hartford, Connecticut. However, although less than impressed with the acoustics of Hall 13 at the Expo 2000 complex here, the great tenor was on song when inaugurating the new arena on Sunday evening.

With \$3.3m (£2.2m) on offer this week, Hall 13 is bound to be lucky for some. "It's very special to be here," Rusedski said, "It was always going to be

ATP Tour Championship Red Group Pete Sampras (US) Patrick Rafter (Aus) Greg Rusedski (GB) Carlos Moya (Sp) White Group Michael Chang (US) Jonas Bjorkman (Swe) Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Rus Sergi Bruguera (Sp) Today's matches Sampras v Moya Chang v Bruguera

tough playing at this level, but if I didn't think I could win 1 wouldn't turn up.

"I predicted before the draw that I would be in the same group as Sampras and Rafter, but I thought I would be playing Sampras first. Playing in the same group as them means it will be a good week for me, a chance to see if I can take another step up. It's just the beginning of the adventure, shall we say?"

Rafter defeated Rusedski in four sets in the Arthur Ashe Stadium at Flushing Meadow, New York, in September and has won three of their four things from that match."

a good game plan tomorrow."

Nottingham's Tony Pickard, who took over as Rusedski's coach from the American Brian Teacher shortly after the US Open, said, "If Greg didn't learn from that match he's not the man I think he is."

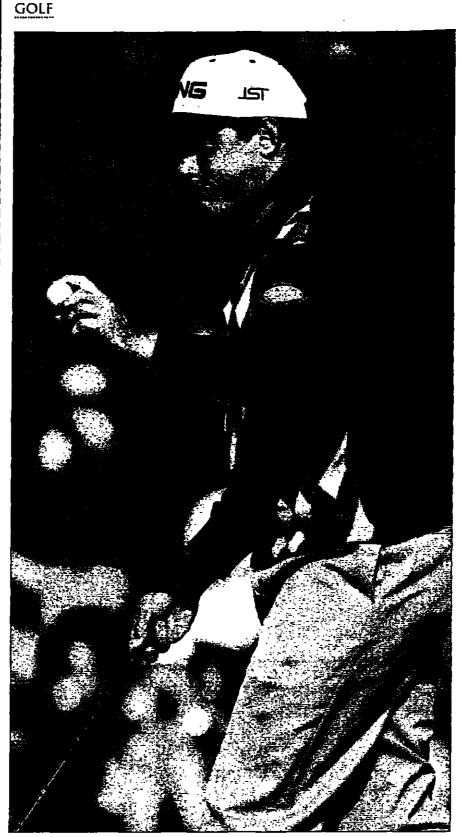
Rusedski has lost all five of his matches against Sampras, two of them this year. A wrist injury caused him to retire during their final in San Jose in February after he had won opening set. Rusedski and Moya are tied at 1-1, the Spaniard having lost to him at on clay in the semi-finals at Bournemouth.

Yesterday Rusedski practised with Bruguera on the concrete court, having reported himself fit and well after recovering from the stomach virus which struck him in Stockholm last week.

Although the court is not as fast as the carpets normally associated with indoor tournaments, Rusedski agreed that it represents a fair surface for various styles of play. The higher bounce of the ball is similar to the courts Rusedski and Rafter prospered on at the US Open.

Bruguera, a former French Open champion, considered the court here to be slow enough to allow spectators to "see more tennis", but felt that the balls being used would favour the big servers. "The balls are very big and very heavy," the Spaniard said.

The colour of the court is one factor that might help Bruguera and his fellow baseliners psychologically. The sandy hue could be mistaken for the slow clay of the French Open. Sampras, Rafter and Rusedski have what it takes to prove that any similarity is just a mirage.



Britain's Lee Westwood acknowledges the crowd's applause on the 14th green during the final round of the Sarazen World Open at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Georgia, on Sunday. Westwood finished second, three strokes behind the winner, Mark Calcavecchia Photograph: Erik S Lesse/AP

### Cayard all adrift as Krantz escapes

The charge to the south by Gunnar Krantz and Swedish Match had delivered a 100-mile lead vesterday on the second leg of the Whitbread Round The World Race from Cape Town to Fremantle.

The fight for second place was led by Paul Cayard in EF Language while Christine Guillou in the all-woman EF Education brought up the rear.

"This is not the way this leg is supposed to be," Cayard said. "We are all drifting around out here without rhyme or reason while Swedish Match sails off. A high pressure has ridged in around the southern tip of Africa and run right over the rest of us. The worrying thing is that it will stay like this for a couple of days."

The bonus for Krantz is that he is between the rest of the fleet and the weather systems coming from the southwest. He should now be able to control the other eight yachts but is still subject both to patches of light airs as he digs into the conveyor belt of westerlies.

and the ever-present vulnerability to gear failure.

Once again George Collins' Chessie Racing is showing well - third-placed, with Dee Smith guesting for Jim Allsop for the Southern Ocean leg, and back in head-to-head contention

with Lawrie Smith in Silk Cut. In fifth position is Grant Dalton in Merit Cup. "We are on the comeback trail," he said last night. "We are tracking Silk Cut, can see Chessie Racing and Cayard is within striking distance," he said.

Most surprising has been the performance of Toshiba. Dennis Conner's American entry which is now being skippered by Britain's Paul Standbridge. He is in eighth place out of the nine yachts, and anxious to

mine yachts, and anxious to make up ground.

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE (second leg. 4,500 miles, Cape Town to Fremantie): Latest positions: 1 Swedish Match (Swe) 6 Krantz 4257 miles to finish; 2 EF Language (Swe) P Cayard 100 miles behind leader; 3 Chessie Racing (US) D Smith 105: 4 Sik Cut (GB) L Smith 13; 5 Merif Cup (Monaco) G Dation 19; 6 Innovation Kvaemer (Nor) K Frostad 126: 7 Brunet Sunergy (Neth) H Bouschotte 129, 8 Toshiba (US) P Standolf 133: 9 EF Education (Swe) C Guillou 173.

**RUGY LEAGUE** 

#### Lowe in high dudgeon over failure to ban Tallis for Test

The Great Britain manager, Phil Lowe, has complained bitterly about the failure to suspend Gorden Tallis for the a full house of around 40,000 deciding British Coal Test at Elland Road on Sunday.

The Australian second-row was placed on report for a high tackle after being warned for the same offence three times at Old Trafford last Saturday, but a League committee has decided that he has no case to answer.

The British management has also decided against citing him for an elbow on Chris Joynt earlier in the game, but Lowe said: "My biggest fear is what will happen on Sunday. He has set the standard now. He could come out with an axe

and he wouldn't get sent off." Lowe now wants to meet the referee, Phil Houston, to try to ensure consistency in what is certain to be a tense third Test.

"I just hope that, if one of our players gets caught for a high tackle, he won't be sent off," Lowe said. "I'm worried that the referee will panic and send someone off for tying up his shoelace."

Demand for tickets for Elland Road has surged

following Britain's win at Old Trafford, with several clubs selling out their allocation and expected.

The former Wigan coach. Eric Hughes, sacked last week to make way for the return of John Monie, is considering an offer to take over at the new club formed by the merger of Barrow and Carlisle.

The clear-out is continuing at Halifax, where the 22-yearold back-row forward Simon Baldwin has become the latest to reject terms for next season.

The England international Jackson and Mark Perrett - all of whom have also played at international level - in seeking new clubs before next year. while last season's regular fullback, Mike Umaga, is already playing rugby union for Rotherham.

Halifax, who are due to move out of Thrum Hall and ground-share with Halifax Town in the New Year, are trying to bring down their wage bill before the new season, during which a salary cap will operate for the first time.

- Dove Hadfield

## Dancer works out next step after England's Cairo trip

**England** returned yesterday from their series against Egypt in optimistic mood. Bill Colwill talks to their new

Barry Dancer, England's new

Heathrow yesterday as the hockey. English squad returned from their five Tests series grand slam against Egypt en route to

Looking forward to his new initial three-year contract and the challenge of next June's World Cup, Dancer was optimistic when he looked ahead to the future of English

"I was very impressed by the resilience of the squad, particularly after the thrashing by Australia a few weeks back," he said. "Cairo was a splendid opportunity to get to know the squad and to begin working with them. All 18 performed well and will be in my World

"I was encouraged by what want others as well. I am look- In general defence terms we level is necessary. Offensively there is need for greater fluid-

Commenting on the fact the the majority of England's ing." 21 goals in the Tests came from penalty strokes or penalty corners, Dancer added: "I

who can score from open play and score with confidence. It is one of the key areas on which we will be concentrat-

pressed with England's defen-

(Zidane 38, Fonseca 87). French Leaguer Moneco 3 (Cernot 43, Trazeguer 78, 83) Nantas 2 (Da Floche 70, NDieye 90); Paris St-Germain 1 (Lercy 34) Marsselle 2 (Grav-elarie 13, L. Blant pen 64). Spanish Leaguer Barcelone 1 (Pizz) 90) Valladoid 2 (Euse-bo 10, Paternac 50); Tonarile 1 (Malasay 83) Cetta Vigo 3 (Revivo 22, 68, Sanchez 90).

West Ham's Premiership fixture against Crystal Palace, abandoned last Monday because of floodlight fail-

ure, has been re-arranged for Wednesday 3 December.

An official Order of Merit is to be op-erated in English women's armaeur golf next season. The English Ladies' Golf Association ran a pilot scheme

Golf Association ran a pilot scheme this year at the urging of international players, but state that selection for any England team will not be determined by Order of Merit poeitions. Kim Rostron, the English champion, topped the pilot scheme, finishing more than 200 points clear of the English stroke play winner, Lym Tupholme. SARAZEN WORLD OPEN (Braselton, Georgia) Leading final-round scores (US unless stated): 271 M Calcavechia.

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I saw, although a greater fitness ing for a range of forwards struggled against the Egyptians who ran at us with a lot of skill." The coach will be back in

England at the beginning of December to watch players in action at important League games and for a training camp sive corner drill: "One of our at Lilleshall from 8-10 De-

#### am happy to take them but I real strengths over the Tests. cember. Australian coach, arrived at SPORTING DIGEST

BASKETBALL

#### All or nothing for Cadle

London Towers' coach, Kevin Cadle, will write off this season as "a personal failure" if his . team are knocked out of the European Cup tonight, even if they go on to win all the domestic competitions. - London must finish in their

European Cup group's top four to repeat last season's feat of reaching the last 32. Cadle said: "Hi we don't make it, then the seasanwill be a failure for me, whatever happened in England."

Towers' fate hangs on a thread against Stefanel in Milan after losing five of their preons six games, three at home. Although their European campaign has been disrupted by tipery, particularly affecting American James Hamilton, a full-strength London capitulated dismally by 78-69 at home to israelis Hapoel Eilat at Wembley last week. - Richard Taylor

TODAY'S NUMBER

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The number of pounds Tim Henman will take home if he wins the National Championships, beginning in Telford today. On the ATP four this season, he has won \$702,746 (£426,000).

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Athletics
The British Athletic Federation has appointed four honorary national events coaches for throws. Max Jones, the technical director for throws, will oversee Simon Nathan (discus), Mike Mortey (hammer), John Irower (javelin) and Make Winch (shot).

The American Athletic Association has Athletics

and Mike Winch (shot).

The Amateur Athletic Association has announced that its sponsorship deal with ViewFrom, who supported the 1997 AAA Championships at Birmingham at short notice in August, has been extended to the 1998 Indoor Championships.

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20-5.

Cricket Cricket
Sri Lanka yesterday announced a 16member squad for the tour of India
starting later this week. Sri Lanka will
play three Test matches and three oneday internationals against India.
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Muratharan, W P U J C Vess, G P Wickramassingle, K R Pusipekumana, S C de Siva, H D P K Dharmasena, K J Sliva, R P
Arnold.

Paul Haghedooren, the former Belgian champion, died of heart failure during a trajring session over the weekend. He was 38.

Football

Football
The Chelsea pair Roberto Di Matteo
and Gianfranco Zola were yesterday
named in Italy's squad for the World
Cup play-off with Plussia in Neples on
Saturday, along with the Crystal
Palace midfielder Attillo Lombardo. The
Internezionale goalkesper Giankoza
Pegliuca has been dropped while Parma's Enrico Chiesa reblaces the In-

Paglica has been dropped while Parma's Enrico Chrissa replaces the Injured Christian Vieri.
ITALY SCUAD (World Cup play-off v Russia, Naples, Salanday): Peruzzi (Liventus).
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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## Woodward excites with imaginative declaration of intent

If fortune favours the bold, Clive Woodward will win tomorrow night's Lottery jackpot as well as beat the pants off the Wallabies on Saturday. England's new coach has decided to unleash five new caps against Australia, a radical selection applauded by Chris Hewett.

No one can accuse the new boy of betraying his principles. Clive Woodward's first England line-up may be wet behind the ears - indeed, his more conservatively-minded critics will say it is still submerged in amniotic fluid - but there is sufficient embryonic talent in every area of the side to ensure a compelling rugby experience at Twickenham this weekend. The die has been cast. There is no turning back.

Woodward always promised to start his career as national coach with a clean sheet of paper and he could hardly have been more true to his word. The safety-first shibboleths of Rowellism have been cast to the four winds: clearly, experience counts for little and reputation for nothing under this Twickenham regime. Current form has been the sole arbiter and that explains the absence of Tim Stimpson, John Bentley, Austin Healey. Graham Rowntree, Mark Regan, Simon Shaw and Tim Rodber - every one a created something of a hostage Lion in the summer, every one an outsider now.

Phil de Glanville has also lost his place in the side, less than a fortnight after conceding the captaincy to Lawrence Dallaglio. The Bath centre's fall from grace was widely forecast from the moment Tim Horan, Matt Burke and company reduced his defensive game to rubble in Sydney four months ago, but ironically enough, his recent upturn in performance Leonard have all been handed

of all Woodward's many losers.

However, there is no denying the potential impact of a midfield reshaped and remodelled by a coach who knows more than most about that I will be amazed if those 15 who particular theatre of rugby combat. Mike Catt moves from outside-half to outside centre, Will Greenwood wins an overdue first cap alongside him and Alex King, the most subtle strategist in the English game, gets a big-time opportunity at stand-off. If it works, it will be devastating. If it goes pear-shaped, all three are sufficiently secure in the tackle to defend like dervishes.

Elsewhere. Matt Perry makes his international bow at full-back - Woodward has admired the 20-year-old Bath player's cool-handed versatility since first coaching him at the Recreation Ground last winter - while the free-scoring David Rees, smack in the middle of a hot streak at Sale, gets a gallop on the right wing. There is a new look to the back five of the scrum, too, where Garath Archer's mean aggression is restored to the engine room and Tony Diprose's footballing skills are recognised at No 8.

If Woodward has taken his life in hands in any single area, it is up there at the sharp end. Many a Premiership club would hesitate before naming two rookies in the same front row and by plumping for Andy Long at hooker and Will Green on the tight head, the selectors have to fortune. Jason Leonard, a shadow of his old self at club level in recent weeks, will have to rediscover every last ounce of his authority when he confronts a heavy Wallaby threesome in his

favoured position of loose-head. "I have picked a team that contains the best 15 players in their positions in England at the moment," insisted Woodward yesterday, politely ignoring the fact that Perry, Catt and

a different style from the one we've been used to in recent years and I think Clive wants a free-flowing match on Saturday. just as we do. But the essential thing for us is to get closer to a pattern of play that is unique to the Wallabies."



dence and excitement as I There are no experiments, no cheap caps; I would never select anyone just for the sake of finding out if he was good enough. What we have are young players like Matt Perry and Andy Long, who have convinced me that they can do a job in a winning England team."

Chastened, not to say embarrassed, by their defeat in Argentina at the weekend, the 27-strong Australian party flew in yesterday. Led by a coach, Rod Macqueen, whose lack of experience at international level mirrors almost exactly that of his opposite number, they shrugged a collective shoulder at the news of England's bravura selection and shook the long flight out of their systems with light work-out in Windsor.

'We're not playing well," admitted Macqueen. "The important thing from our point of view is to concentrate on our own game. With five new caps, England will be looking to play

Alan Watkins, page 30



Pointing the way: Alex King, England's new subtle strategist

Photograph: Allsport

#### WOODWARD'S FIVE NEW FACES



Born: Bath; Age: 20: Honours: England 18 Group, Coles, Under-21s. A jack of all trades and master of most of them.

A jack of all trades and master of most of them. Perry is the most exciting back-line prospect to emerge in England since Jeremy Guscott and while he played virtually all his schools rugby at outside-half and has spent much of his fleegling top-flight career in the centre, shrawd judges are most animated by his potential at full-back. A quiet, almost diffident character, he has a splinter of ice and a shard of steel in his bloodstream. Yet to lose a half in contact his bloodstream. Yet to lose a ball in contact this season.

Born: London; Age: 23; Honours: England Under-21, England A. The great unknown. At 5ft 9in in his socks and just 13 stones dripping wet, Rees is unlikely to run through Jonah Lomu. He might fancy his chances of running round him, though; his performances for Sale throughout last season and in the early stages of this one have marked him out as a stages of this one have marked him out as a fearless, soutdling attacking runner with an awkwardly low centre of gravity. A natural footballer, Rees played tennis for Northum-berland and football for Newcastle Boys.





Born: Blockburn; Age: 25; Hanours: England Sudents, Under-21, England A, Lions tourist. About time, too, Greenwood has been the best inside centre in England since Bob
Dwyer plonked him firmly in the position at
the start of last season. A strong, leggy runner with the priceless ability to play scoring
passes out of the heaviest of tacides, he was
considered one of the successes of last passes out of the neavest of the successes of last considered one of the successes of last summer's Lions tour despite being invalided out after suffering a life-threatening head injury in Bloemfontein. He is most certainly now back on his game.

GREENWOOD

Born: Bournemouth; Age: 20; Honours: England 18 Group, Colts, Under-21s.
Talk about rapid progress. Long has all the right England pedigree but Bath, notoriously unimpressed by reputations and credentials, did not consider him a first-team contender until the start of this season. Since then, he had contend that and patcher Mark. has done everything right and neither Mark Regan, the England incumbent, nor Federico Mendez, the Injury-prone Puma, have been able to put the young upstart in his place.
Long is big – very big – for a hooker, but his
size makes him a thoroughly modern forward.

ANDY LONG



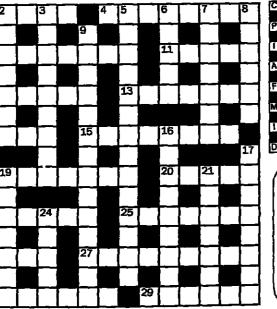
Born: Littlehampton: Age: 24; Honours: England 18 Group, Students, Under-21s.



One of the most influential forwards in Wasps' 1997 championship side, Green can both scrummage his weight and get around the paddock at a rate of loots. A front-row modernist with a range of skills that would earn him a bunch of fives from any self-respecting graduate from the Gareth Chilcott school of propping, Green's emergence as a tight-head specialist of international calibre should, in theory, solve one of Clive Woodward's most pressing selection problems.

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**FOOTBALL** 

## Watson summoned to join England party

It was just one match in the Premiership, but Arsenal versus Manchester United left Glenn Hoddle with some tidying up to do. By last night the England coach had summoned a replacement for the injured Gary Pallister and confirmed that bridges needed no rebuilding between himself and Alex Fer-

The man to stand in for Pallister, who had a recurrence of his back problems during United's 3-2 defeat at Highbury, in the squad for Saturday's friendly against Cameroon is Newcastle United's Steve Watson, a jack-of-all-trades player who could prove to be just what Hoddle requires as a substitute. The England coach wants his

players to be adaptable but, whereas Pallister would be a large fish on dry land if he played anywhere else but centre-half, Watson, 23, can play in any number of positions from centre-forward to wing-back. His versatility may indeed have held back his international career.

When he was manager at St. James' Park, Kevin Keegan used Watson as centre-forward. centre-half, winger, full-back and orthodox midfield player. Watson, who earned 12 England Under-21 caps, perhaps fell between too many stools. It is only since Kenny Dalglish's arrival that he has forged a regular place in the Newcastle first team in either the back four or as part of a central defensive trio.

"I've played in plenty of positions but I've made my mind up to take up a defensive role," Watson said. "Because I can play in a few positions it's meant I've always had a chance of being on the bench, but looking to the future I think I'll be a defender."

The Football Association also concentrated on defence yesterday to quash any suggestions there had been a falling out with Ferguson over Teddy Sheringham. The Manchester United manager had wanted to withdraw the striker from England's squad because of a knee injury, but Hoddle had insisted he turned up yesterday at Bisham Abbey.

"There's no row whatsoev-

er as far as we're concerned," David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, said. "Glenn was astonished when he read the newspapers this morning." Hoddle wants to include

Sheringham in a discussion about last month's draw in Italy that confirmed England's qualification for next year's World Cup finals - a chance that was denied him when the squad went home direct from Luton Airport. "In the aftermath of the Rome game, Glenn clearly wants to talk over some things with his players," Davies said. "Alex and Glenn will stay in touch over the next few days and the situation will be assessed."

Sheringham, meanwhile, will be the subject of an investiga-

tion by Arsenal after a complaint by a supporter that the United striker incited the crowd by his celebrating the first of his two goals at Highbury. They will study video evidence before deciding whether to approach the FA. The police said yesterday that they will not be taking any action.

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The investigation concerns Sheringham's pointing to the badge on his shirt in front of Arsenal supporters, who jeered him throughout for his previous connections with Tottenham. Some people might have thought he was gesturing the obvious retort: "I play for Manchester United now" but the complainant clearly considered otherwise.

- Guy Hodgson

#### Rovers pursue interest in Casiraghi to boost challenge for championship

Pierluigi Casiraghi is the player Roy Hodgson wants to add an additional cutting edge to Blackburn Rovers' attempt to win their second Premiership title in three years.

Hodgson, who has already exceeded expectations by steering Rovers to joint second in the table, wants the 28-year-old Lazio striker to compete with Chris Sutton and Kevin Gallacher. Blackburn can expect to pay a club record £6m to £7m for Casiraghi - but the problem

Casiraghi's demands could be

too high for the club's owner, Jack Walker, However, Hodgson insists that Rovers must boost their squad with high-quality players if they are to last the pace in the title race. He has been watching other top strikers, such as Monaco's Thierry Henry and

Viktor Ikpeba. Manageriess Sheffield Wednesday's hopes of enticing Howard Wilkinson back to Hillsborough seem certain to end in failure, after the former Leeds manager's blueprint for English football was given a big boost yesterday.

Hints had emerged that Wilkinson might reconsider his future as the Football Association's Technical Director if his "Charter for Quality" proposals were not supported. David Pleat's dismissal by the South

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Yorkshire club last week led to reports that Wednesday were poised to offer Wilkinson the chance to return to the club he left in 1988 after five years as manager at Hillsborough.

Yesterday, though, the 90-strong Football Association Council gave "overwhelming support" for Wilkinson's plans for youth development, which includes the establishment of

academies of excellence at the country's biggest clubs. Only two council members

opposed the blueprint, and Wilkinson said after the meeting: "I am totally committed to the Charter for Quality. This will bring about the rise in football standards that everybody wants and put the players first."

The strength of support Wilkinson received seems like ly to ensure he will see out the four-year contract he signed with the FA in February. ebruary. (1)
- Alan Noton

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